



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

10th February 2022

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we have regularly requested that during pick up and collection times motorists comply with road markings and ensure that they drive and park safely.

Unfortunately, this morning on Westfield Road a serious incident occurred which resulted in a child being hurt. Motorists are regularly and routinely parking on double yellow and zig zags lines outside the school, obscuring the view and creating a hazard for anyone trying to cross the road. Thankfully on this occasion no one was seriously injured, however this was a very distressing and shocking experience for all of those involved.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers, especially of those whose children walk to school alone, to ensure that where possible they use the Road Crossing Patrol staff. Also for parents and carers to remind children to:

- **STOP – Before the kerb**
- **LOOK AND LISTEN – for traffic**
- **THINK – what to do**
- **CROSS the road safely, looking and listening all of the time**

Please visit [Kent Road Safety Club - KCC Road Safety](#) for more information to support with this.

We are working with Kent County Council and Thanet District Council in regards to the ongoing issue of inconsiderate and unsafe parking, however, we all have a collective responsibility to ensure that our children and families can come to school safely.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Cope and Mrs A Northrop
Heads of School