



# PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

## Car Park and Barrier System

As you may be aware we have been having issues regarding the barrier that enables vehicular access to the school site. The barrier has malfunctioned on several occasions rendering it inoperable.

Yesterday, two engineers came to fix the barrier. They came to the conclusion that the recurring problem we are having with the barrier was due to vehicles approaching it as it was closing, causing it to stop sharply and then retreat to the vertical position.

This 'sharp' stopping motion is designed to prevent a person or vehicle being struck by the barrier as it lowers. However, as the barrier stayed up for a several seconds it encouraged several cars to 'get through' before it closed.

So, more often than not the barrier was being forced to stop as several cars drove through. When this happened repeatedly, it caused the mechanism to 'jump' out of position preventing the barrier from closing at all. This creates a safeguarding issue as we cannot monitor or control vehicular access to the school site.

The time at which the barrier remains open has been reduced to help prevent this. The engineers have asked that when approaching the 'open' barrier, drivers allow it to close fully and do not attempt to 'jump' through it before it closes.

Any parent/carer requesting access to the school site must press the relevant button on the intercom system to be allowed access.

Parents are reminded that they are not to allowed park anywhere on school premises at any time, but are allowed to use the 'drop-off' point in the morning, provided that drivers remain in their cars. Also, several comments have been made to staff regarding the speed at which some people are driving through the site. For the safety of all our children and families can we remind you that the speed limit is 5mph and that it is a one-way system.

Please pass on this information to any friends or family members that access the school site.

Thank you.

