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### Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re-establishing Routines** At the end of our third week back at school, we are delighted with just how hard the children are working – it is far from easy to re-adjust after such a long interruption to the ‘normality’ of school life. They will be tired by the end of the school day today, particularly as it has been a hot and sunny week; they deserve our congratulations and a restful weekend. Please get your child to bed early on Sunday evening as this gives them the best chance of having a good start to the school week on Monday.

**Travelling to School Safely** After receiving two complaints from local residents who are not part of the school community, I have reminded children of the school expectations with regards to travelling to and from school:

- **When possible, please walk or cycle to school;** this is environmentally friendly and beneficial for health. If children are cycling to school, they **must** wear a helmet. Children should not cycle on the pavements as those near the school tend to be narrow and are used by pedestrians, including those with disabilities, who are elderly, parents with pushchairs etc.
- **When driving to school, please park at Snells Hall;** there are now 145 children at the school and there is not enough space for us to park outside the schools gates – this was not an issue when the school was moved to this site in 1967. Only drive up to school if your child is attending Breakfast Club or After-school Club, or if you have a medical exemption agreed by me.
- **Please walk from Snells Hall to school via the boardwalk;** most of the route is pedestrianised and traffic to the farm is infrequent. There is more traffic on Church Street, driving in both directions, and there is not a pavement after the corner. If the boardwalk route is longer, there is very little difference.
- **[RAC statistics](#):** On average, 2,250 children (aged 0-15) are killed or seriously injured on our roads every year; 53% are pedestrians or cyclists; most incidents occur at 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-4.00pm.

Please pass this information on to any family or friends who do the school run with your children.

**Coronavirus Update**

As you may have heard, the Year 11 bubble at King Alfred's has been closed for 14 days of self-isolation on the advice of Public Health England after two children tested positive for Covid-19. Whilst the 'Rule of Six' does not apply at school, in workplaces, sports clubs etc., it does apply to school-aged children – they should not be playing together in groups of more than six outside of school. Thank you for continuing to support us by communicating with us if your child is unwell (whether they have coronavirus symptoms or otherwise) and by cooperating with our social distancing and hygiene measures.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Veness', written in a cursive style.

Mr. J. Veness