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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Drop off and Collection Points for Parents**

For the safety of all concerned, we need to ensure that the bus park and staff car parks, including Fleet Street, are **NOT** used by parents/carers to drop off or collect students at peak times:

**8.25am – 8.45am and 3.20pm – 3.45pm**

These are very busy times as the bus park area is used by both our school and Mountjoy School. We have children, staff, taxis, minibuses, coaches, staff cars and buses all entering and leaving this relatively small area at roughly the same time each day.

Unfortunately, **we do not have any spare capacity for parent/carer cars and so request that you make alternative arrangements to drop off/collect your children elsewhere.**

There have already been several 'near misses' as a result of parents/carers using these areas at peak times. These have involved students running across the bus park to get to waiting parents/carers, cars turning round in the bus park and nearly colliding with reversing buses, as well as cars squeezing past each other when parked/manoeuvring in the staff car park.

**For safety reasons, students should always keep to the footpaths.**

The use of these areas, **including the Fleet Street car park**, by parents/carers also hampers the 'natural flow' of traffic at either end of the day, with staff unable to park in their allocated spaces in the morning or exit safely in the afternoon, and local residents inconvenienced.

Whilst the majority of our students are bussed into school or walk in, we do appreciate there are some families that are unable to access our main bus routes and so have to drop their children off and collect them at the end of the school day.

For these families, there are **identified drop-off and collection points** on the map provided, including postcodes. All are within a short walk to school for students and are much safer for all concerned. There is also a **car park at Yarn Barton** (DT8 3EQ).

Students dropped off in the square or at Yarn Barton have a short, safe, level walk to school via the Memorial Playing fields (students should not walk up Fleet Street).

If there is a good reason why you would need to drop or collect your child from the bus park, please contact the school to inform us of the reason and to pass on your car details.

Please help us to keep your children safe by complying with these arrangements, and many thanks for your co-operation.

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