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Dear Parents/Carers

School Crossing Patrol Service - Safety Concerns

DRIVERS

Could parent drivers please refrain from allowing pupils to exit from cars at the zebra crossing and school crossing site. This practise is both illegal and dangerous.

I have witnessed pupils, fall from vehicles as they exit and hurt themselves or drop their bags, water bottles, etc. I have witnessed several children running after vehicles when they have left items in the car putting themselves in danger trying to get parents attention. I am also aware of one pupil getting his rucksack straps caught in the car door as the driver drove off with the pupils still attached to the vehicle. If cyclists are passing, they are not expecting car doors to open at a zebra crossing. This could injure the cyclist or the pupil. Also please consider that other drivers can become irritated by this practise and may overtake at a point in the road where other Leigh Beck pupils and the patrol are in the road ahead.

Please consider the implications of this dangerous practise and park up safely and allow children to disembark safely. Due to my concern for the patrols and Leigh Beck pupil's safety, I will be asking the police to attend the Leigh Beck school crossing site to deter this practise.

CYCLISTS AND SCOOTER RIDERS

I would like to thank all the pupils who bring their bikes and scooters to school and dismount when crossing the road. This keeps other pedestrians safe, the patrol safe and the pupils themselves are learning that it is good practise to dismount when crossing as when the time comes for pupils to make unaccompanied journeys, they are likely to continue to dismount when crossing roads allowing them to give their full attention to approaching traffic.

For parents/carers of children who ride bikes and scooters over the school crossing, please know that the practise of dismounting is encouraged at all patrolled school crossing sites across Essex. Please encourage children to dismount to keep everyone safer. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator