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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Road Safety on Thistley Hough

On numerous occasions we have written to parents/carers to implore them to use the lower car park and drop-off/pick up zone. There is ample space in this area in which students can be dropped off and safely picked up. I would urge you again to ensure that you use this facility if it is necessary to drop-off/collect your children in your vehicle. Thistley Hough is simply not large enough to cope with the volume of traffic and the number of parents/carers dropping off and collecting their children on this road. We remain deeply concerned of the serious health and safety risks posed by such large volumes of traffic. This risk can be dramatically reduced by parents/carers ensuring to use the lower car park and relevant zone.

However, on a daily basis, a regular number of parents/carers and taxi drivers, who transport students to and from the Academy, continue to illegally park and/or cause obstruction on Thistley Hough. As a result of our continued concerns for student safety, we will now be photographing all registration plates and taxi licence plates and forwarding them on to the relevant authorities in the hope that this leads to changes in behaviour, in order to positively impact on student safety.

We continue to work with the local council, cabinet members and other relevant stakeholders to continue to drive up improvements to student safety around the roads to and from our academy, but clearly parental/carer support in this matter is vital.

For clarity and your convenience, please see attached an aerial view of the Academy which clearly highlights the drop off/pick up zone, along with the restricted areas and road signs on Thistley Hough.

I am frustrated that this issue is ongoing. Please be assured that our absolute priority is the health, safety and well-being of your children.

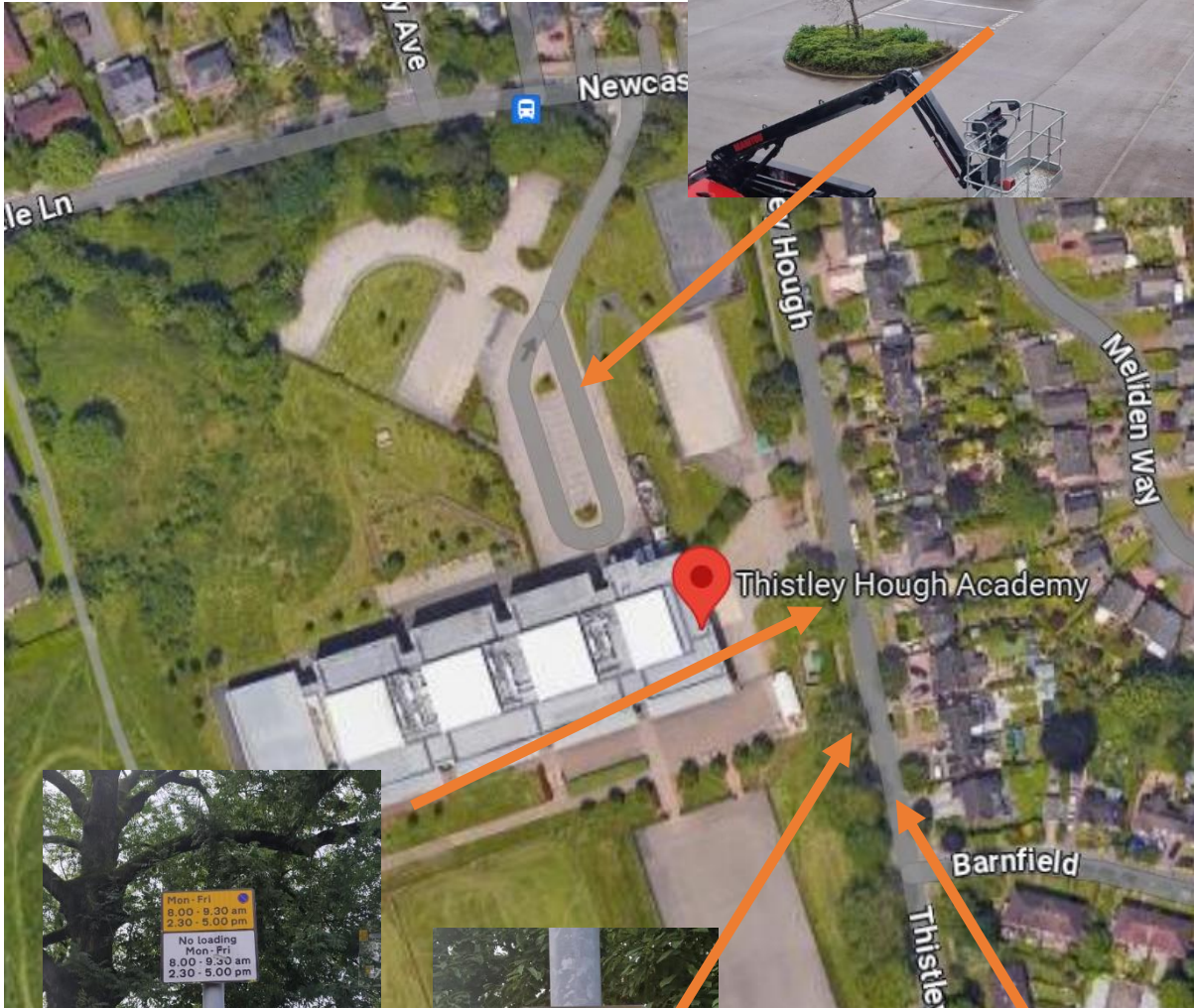
For the majority of parents/carers who park responsibly on the lower car park, I wish to thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Noel Kennedy
Principal



Aerial View of Thistley Hough Academy



Mon - Fri
8.00 - 9.30 am
2.30 - 5.00 pm

No loading
Mon - Fri
8.00 - 9.30 am
2.30 - 5.00 pm



No stopping
7 am - 6 pm
Mon - Fri

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