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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all the staff at The Chalk Hills Academy, may I extend a warm welcome back to all our students and especially our new Year 7 and Year 12 pupils. There are a number of important updates regarding this term which are outlined below:

### **Safer parking outside the school building**

I am writing to draw your attention to the recent increase in the number of cars being parked directly in front of the Academy and on zig-zag lines. As you would appreciate, the safety of pupils is of paramount importance.

The Academy is situated on a busy main road. Cars being parked on unauthorised areas can disrupt traffic and prevent clear access for emergency vehicles. This is also a safety hazard for pupils leaving the Academy on foot.

While we acknowledge that some parents and carers have no alternative but to drive their children to/from school, we would encourage you to park in a side lane, a short distance from the main entrance of the Academy.

To ensure that everyone is safe and in compliance with the Highway Code, please do not:

- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access;
- Park on zig-zags or block the school entrance;
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways;
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction;
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users; or
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.

In order to ease congestion at the end of the Academy day, we will be releasing Year 7 students 10 minutes early at 2:50pm all next week. Year 7 teachers will walk students to the front of the building and supervise until the duty teams take over at 3pm. Therefore, parents and carers who meet their children can do so at 2:50pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the large majority of our parents who do support us with these issues. By keeping the points above in mind, you can help keep our pupils safe at all times.

### **School Photographer**

Our school photographer Debbie Rowe will be visiting the Academy and taking pictures next Monday and Tuesday. Can I remind all students and parents of our expectations that all students will be in full uniform, and dressed smartly.

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## **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening for prospective parents will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Students will be registered at 2pm and then dismissed by individual year groups. Therefore, we will close early for Open Evening preparations at 2pm. All students should be off site by 2:15pm. I thank you for your co-operation in this and the above matters.

## **Roald Dahl Day**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September is Roald Dahl's Birthday. The Academy will be running a number of competitions throughout the week and exposing our young people to his wonderful words and wisdom. There will be a display in the LRC, fun PL activities and reading challenges. We will be celebrating a number of important literacy events this academic year as part of our ongoing commitment to your child's reading and writing development.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Lee', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Louise Lee  
Principal