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Dear parents and carers

It was lovely to welcome Y7 students to JMHS this morning and welcome back our sixth formers and I very much enjoyed greeting students and my brief conversations with parents. I would also like to thank parents for driving considerably. We had over 100 parents drive their students into school this morning and the calm and patient way parents dealt with the congestion was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, it was apparent this morning that with no staff sharing cars due to social distancing and some sixth formers driving in that we have no parking on the school site. This will make it very difficult for parents to drop off students before school or pick up after school when buses are arriving or leaving at the same time. To ensure safety and prevent gridlock, please could we ask for your help in the following ways:

Dropping students off in the morning

Please could we ask all parents and carers who wish to drive children into school to either:

1. Drop the students off in Ledbury and then allow them to walk into school OR
2. Drive them into school before 8.20am when the buses will start arriving. If you do this, we will ask cars to queue and drop students off in front of reception. Students will then be directed to their Year Group Zone where they will be supervised until lessons commence.

Picking students up in the afternoon

Unfortunately, after today, we will have to ask all parents, including parents of Y7 students, who wish to drive onto the school site to pick children up to do so after 3.30pm. With so many students being driven into school, no parking and the buses arriving, this is the only way we can prevent total chaos!

We will ensure that all students are safely supervised until parents arrive.

Walking to school

We would encourage all students who can do so to take the healthy option of walking into school, it will help us greatly.

Travelling by bus

This morning very few children travelled by bus. We are confident that travelling by bus is safe and we would encourage students and parents to consider this environmentally friendly option.

Thursday 3 September only

Y7 parents may arrive before 3pm to pick up their children. However please be prepared to queue for a long time as there is no parking available.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your help and co-operation at this difficult time.

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Evans'.

Andrew Evans
Headteacher