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Dear Parents

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Moulton Parish Council has grave concerns about the increasing volume of traffic entering and leaving the village to deliver or collect children from school. Church Hill is extremely congested at the start and end of the school day, which makes it particularly dangerous for children. **Unless this congestion is reduced it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.**

Moulton Parish Council and Moulton Primary School are working together on a 'Safe Routes to School' initiative to reduce the dangers to children. To this end we would ask all parents to consider the following:

1. Do you really need to drive your child(ren) to school?

We desperately need to encourage more children to walk to school, alone, with their parents or with groups of friends. If you live within the village, it is much quicker, safer and healthier to leave the car at home and walk. Letting older children walk to school and learning to cross roads is a very important part of their development. If you live a bit further away, why not start a 'car share' or 'walking bus' with other parents, reducing the number of cars driving towards the school.

2. If you really need to use your car, avoid Church Hill. This is by far the most dangerous and congested part of the 'School Run'.

We have spoken to local publicans and organisations within the village and they have willingly agreed to allow parents to use their car parks from 8.30am until 9.00am and from 3.00pm until 3.45pm. We have identified over **160** spaces for your use. **All of these car parking spaces are within 2 minutes walking distance from Moulton Primary School and are marked on the attached map. PLEASE USE THESE TO PARK OR TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN, AVOIDING CHURCH HILL.**

3. Inconsiderate Parking

Cars parked in the area outside the Estate Agents and Hairdressers add to the congestion of an already busy junction. Please give some thought to other children and parents with pushchairs, prams, etc who are trying to walk home. Cars parked in Church Hill block residents' access to their homes and increase the hazards for pedestrians.

If you are new to Moulton Primary School, please use these car parking spaces and do not use Church Hill. We are very privileged to have such a popular and successful primary school within our village, let's make it safe to travel there.

If your child(ren) are sometimes dropped off or collected by relatives, friends, child minders, etc, **please** ensure they see this letter.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council at the above address.

Yours faithfully

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