



# Enfield County School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Rosemary Avenue/Baker Street and Kenilworth Crescent - car travel to and from school**

A warm welcome to the autumn term to all of our students and families and especially to those joining us in year 7. It has been lovely to welcome all of your daughters back to school this week.

I will be writing to you during the course of this year in relation to a variety of matters. However, this communication is focused on ensuring that there is clarity for all parents and carers of year 7, 8 & 9 students regarding safety on Rosemary Avenue.

You will be aware that the roads surrounding our Rosemary Avenue lower site school are very congested in the morning and afternoon school drop off and pick up times.

Build-up of traffic on these roads causes issues for local residents and potentially is very dangerous for our students when navigating their way to and from school.

I would ask that if you are a parent of a student in year 7, 8 or 9 and are planning to drive your daughter to and/or from school that you make your drop off away from Rosemary Avenue itself and that you do not park illegally on any of the roads mentioned above.

I would also ask that you are considerate of pedestrians and cyclists on all of the surrounding roads and do not park across areas of the pavement that cause potential disruption and danger to children and adults.

On Rosemary Avenue we have clearly marked yellow hatchings and these areas are **not** to be parked on at all, even for the briefest time during the hours in which they apply.

In addition to this, stopping suddenly and dropping off or picking up students in the middle of the road both causes congestion and is dangerous.

We are situated in a residential area and I would ask that you are mindful of our local residents and do not block the pavement area or park outside their driveways.

We also have a primary school located next to our school site with parents/carers and very young children making their way to and from the school on foot which is also a potential danger in respect of cars on the road.

I have requested our safer schools policing team and traffic control to be present in the area as much as possible and that where applicable parking tickets are served to car users who are parked illegally.

I have on a number of occasions requested cameras at the Rosemary Avenue/Baker Street end of the road to dissuade dangerous or illegal parking but to date this has not been facilitated.

As a school we work to always ensure a staff presence at the school gate and on Rosemary Avenue in the mornings and afternoons with bus duty also at the end of the day. However, as a split site school with the necessity to also have a presence in Enfield Town this can be a challenge.

Where possible I really encourage your daughter to walk or take the bus to school which will be positive for their developing independence and for the environment.

Alongside this matter we will regularly be speaking to students about not using their mobile phones or wearing ear pods to listen to music when journeying to and from school for their own safety along with etiquette in public spaces and when at bus stops or on buses.

Your support in this matter and ensuring that you have these relevant conversations with your daughter will be a great help to us also.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter and do hope that my communication is received in the spirit that it is intended.

I look forward to working with you over the course of this academic year.

All the very best

Jennifer Gumbrell  
Headteacher