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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community

We are writing jointly as Foreland Fields School and The Royal Harbour Academy to share an update on the work we are undertaking with Kent County Council (KCC) to address the ongoing challenges around access to our school sites via Newlands Lane.

We fully recognise the concerns that have been raised regarding congestion, inappropriate parking, and the safety risks these issues pose to our pupils, staff, and families. These challenges are particularly complex given the shared use of Newlands Lane by both schools, the increasing number of vehicles accessing the sites, and the limited space available.

In response, we are working proactively with KCC teams—including the Active Travel Interventions team and Highways Improvements—to explore feasible options and longer-term opportunities to improve the environment approaching the schools. This includes:

- Supporting the adoption of Newlands Lane to enable future improvements.
- Reviewing traffic management and parking restrictions.
- Identifying infrastructure changes that could enhance safety and enable more “active” journeys (walking, scooting and cycling) for pupils and staff travelling to/from our sites.
- Coordinating any works to minimise disruption to school operations.

We want to be transparent that these solutions will take time to develop and implement. Many of the changes being considered depend on the formal adoption of the road, and any physical interventions will require careful planning and assessment.

In the meantime, we kindly ask for your support in helping to alleviate the current pressures.

A significant part of the congestion is caused by vehicles parking along Newlands Lane, including on private land, which has led to distress for local landowners and, regrettably, instances of verbal abuse towards school staff who are trying to manage safety concerns.

We understand that mornings and afternoons can be stressful, and we appreciate the efforts many of you already make to travel considerately. We ask that all drivers continue to show patience and respect for others, and avoid parking in areas that contribute to congestion or cause conflict.



We are committed to working with KCC and the wider community to find solutions that are safe, sustainable, and respectful of everyone's needs. We will continue to keep you informed as plans progress and welcome your support in creating a safer environment for all.

Yours sincerely

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Adrian Mount
Headteacher

