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Dear Parent/ Carers

### **School Gate Safety Pledge**

Insch Primary School has been experiencing some road safety concerns around the school gate during drop off and pick up times. We have therefore decided to make some clear guidance for everyone to follow in order to help keep everyone safe. Please see our 5 school gate safety rules.

Once you have read the rules, please sign the pledge on the Forum link to say you have understood the rules and that you pledge to help keep everyone safe.

- 1. Parents/carers are not able to access the playground during drop off and pick up times.** This is to allow the children to have some space while entering or leaving the school. We find this is working well and the children are more settled.

- 2. Parents/ carers must not stand blocking the school gate, keep as far back as you can.**

We understand that not being able to access the playground leaves parents/ carers out on the pavement, but it is not very wide, and we do not want children having to walk on the road to get around people. Please keep back from the gate to allow children space to get through.

- 3. Always think carefully about where you are standing.**

While around the school, please always consider where you are standing and whether people could get around you if they need to. Young people may not necessarily ask for you to move and simply go around you by stepping out and onto the road.

- 4. Please do not stay around the school any longer than you need to.**

We all know it's nice to chat to people while you wait for your children to enter the school, but it does add to the congestion on the pavement. If you wish for a catch up, please move away from the main area around the school. Children are perfectly safe once they have entered the playground and you do not need to hang around until the bell goes

- 5. Keep talking to your children about keeping safe and think about hi vis.**

As a school we do this regularly. We teach the Green Cross Code, how to keep safe around the school, but as their parents/ carers, you will provide the biggest influence on them, please remind them how to keep safe, to stay on the pavements and how to cross safely. Think about clothing and how you can keep your children bright and easily seen.

These are our top 5 rules on keeping safe around the school. Please sign the pledge to show you support in keeping all children safe while coming or leaving the school

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Yours sincerely,

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