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### Child safety/roundabout issues

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following recent issues where child safety has been compromised, I recently met with a small group of Village Hall trustees and a school governor to review the current arrangements for the traffic flow of the Village Hall car park.

As you are aware, the peak times are 8.40-9am and 3.15-3.45pm where many cars drive in and out of the Village hall car park at the same time as pedestrians are crossing the roads. From what we have seen, there appears to be some confusion on how cars exit the car park. If a car is coming into the car park, anyone else wishing to exit tends to to drive past the roundabout with the tree, turn left and go around the turning circle. However if cars are not coming into the car park, anyone wishing to exit often decides to turn right before the roundabout with the tree (driving the wrong way).

The small roundabout with the tree should be driven around correctly. Turning right immediately after leaving the car park rather than going around the small roundabout means you are driving the wrong way into oncoming traffic, and pedestrians may not be expecting this.

Working closely with the Village Hall, we have seen that the road is not wide enough to take 2 cars and are considering whether to operate a one way in and one way out system.

Before proceeding with any road signs and markings, we would like to trial this system for 1 week commencing **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Coming into the car park or dropping off at the roundabout will not change. However, we will ensure that an adult wearing a high vis jacket stands to direct cars who exit the car park to go around the small roundabout correctly. We will be monitoring any difficulties which may arise during this trial before having a further meeting to decide on the next actions.

As with anything new, we appreciate that we may experience some teething problems but please bear with us during this time as we try to make improvements for your child's safety.

As usual we would like to remind parents that the roundabout is for dropping off or picking up. No cars should be parked and left unattended. Also, please do not park on Beech Road at drop off and collection as this makes it difficult for two way traffic.

Thank you for your support with this.

Kind regards,

Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher

