



Quality Learning in a Caring Environment

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To whom it may concern,

Over the past three years our school community has seen a rise in heavy vehicle traffic on Forest Road outside the school. This has coincided with the rise in tolls on the M5 leaving heavy transport vehicles no choice but to use Forest Rd as an alternative.

This presents a number of serious concerns for our school community including road safety for our students, noise pollution and air quality around the school.

Road Safety

In the last 3 months there have been 3 serious pedestrian accidents with heavy vehicles and now our parents are less likely to allow their children to walk to school. This is now creating excess school traffic as parents drop the children to school by car.

Noise Pollution

The increase in heavy vehicles has resulted in an escalation of noise as these big vehicles slow down for the intersection. Air brakes and loud shifting down in gears can be heard in our main building and classrooms. There is a sound wall on Forest Rd but it is disrepair with panels missing and supports shifting. These were to be replaced two years ago but as RMS has outsourced its maintenance it seems that RMS nor the company are no longer accepting responsibility.

Air Quality

The increase in heavy vehicles has also bought an increase in diesel fumes entering the school grounds. I find this also to be a major concern as the amount of traffic seems to be multiplying with these viceless sitting idle at the lights for longer periods of time.

These are major concerns that have been communicated to me by the school community.

Kind Regards

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Principal
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