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### Accident on Mill Lane - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear families,

I am writing to you all to clarify events from this morning.

A child in Year 4 was knocked down by a car on Mill Lane by Morrisons Local. This was of course a distressing event for the boy involved, his family and anyone who witnessed the accident. The car did not stop which is of course a criminal offence.

Due to the quick actions of a member of staff from Minsthorpe Community College who was driving the Minsthorpe mini bus near to the accident, a member of the public and school staff, the child's mum, the police and ambulance arrived within 15 minutes.

I have been in touch with the child's mum and he is in hospital being checked over for minor injuries and thankfully he will be okay. I will be in touch with the family at the end of the day for a further update.

I understand that there is frustration surrounding the lack of crossing patrol. She is currently off long-term due to illness. I am sure that lots of you will recall that previously I have been out on crossing patrol a number of times however unfortunately I am often needed in school so struggle to commit to this daily.

I will, however, from today be out there each morning and afternoon to do the crossing patrol while alternative arrangements are made. Please be aware that the crossing patrol is provided by Wakefield District Council and is **nothing to do with South Kirkby Academy or Waterton Academy Trust.**

The accident has been reported to Waterton Academy Trust and Wakefield District Council. The local MP has also been made aware.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families to use social media with caution. There have been a number of posts and comments made today which are entirely inaccurate about the accident, the situation with the crossing patrol and how school have dealt with it. As I am sure you will appreciate, this does not help the situation.

It is my recommendation that all families speak to their children about crossing roads safely and if you're able to walk your children to and from school, please do so until we have a long-term solution to the lack of crossing patrol.

Finally, thank you to those who were involved this morning for being so calm and supportive, and thank you for your understanding if you were turned away from the school office or asked to ring back if you tried to get in touch.

Please contact school if you have any further concerns.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break.

Mr Adam Potter  
Head of School