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Re: Dropping off Students at the Loreto College Mullingar

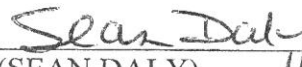
Dear Parent / Guardian

With reference to the above it has come to our notice that certain driving practices have developed among Parents / Guardians whilst dropping off students at the school in the mornings.

It has become common practice for drivers to pull up right at the edge of the pedestrian crossing and activate hazard lights whilst the student alights from the vehicle and utilises the crossing. In some cases students go to the boot of the vehicle and remove articles they need for their classes, then go to the front of the vehicle and cross the road, and then the driver pulls away. This practice needlessly obstructs traffic and other road users on an already very busy traffic corridor in the town. I also wish to point out that it is in breach of the Road Traffic Act and an offence which carries penalties.

We would respectfully request that drivers dropping off students park in off the road or utilise the drop off zone provided by the school within the grounds. We will be monitoring this situation over the next few weeks and hope that it will be resolved. Otherwise we will have to act on the matter.

Yours sincerely;


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