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Dear Parents/Carers of Manor Drive Primary and Secondary Academies

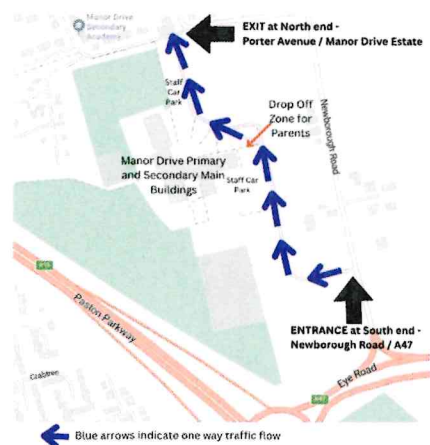
PARKING AND TRAVEL ISSUES

We are writing to you regarding the parking issues at Manor Drive Primary and Secondary Academies. These are causing increasing concern, particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times when parking is difficult, sometimes chaotic and sometimes dangerous.

The Four Cs Trust has consulted with the Local Authority (Peterborough City Council) and sought advice from a traffic management specialist to find ways to improve the situation. Unfortunately, there is no funding available to build extra car parking and we have been informed that planning permission for extra spaces would not be granted even if funding was made available. There is also no funding available to provide a school bus which could transport students to and from school. Both schools have the additional challenge of providing onsite parking for teaching and support staff working at each school. This is currently running out and will only become more difficult next year when both schools will be full.

Having reviewed the situation the advice from the Local Authority is that the Traffic Management Plan, which was a condition of planning permission being granted for building the Manor Drive Academies, should now be implemented in full. The detail of the Traffic Management Plan can be found on the [school website](#).

The Plan essentially requires a **one-way system** to be implemented with traffic entering the school site from the south of the Manor Drive site (A47 / Newborough Road end) and leaving from the north (Porter Avenue, Manor Drive estate end). This is shown on the following diagram.



This one-way system which will be implemented from 3 January 2026 would be a permanent travel restriction and operate at all times of the school day for all users, with the exception of buses that are too large to navigate the turning circle at the north exit. This change will enable drop off of school children and improve traffic flow across the site.



Unfortunately it does not add parking capacity which will continue to be an issue, and we would like to encourage parents to consider car sharing options where possible or ask students to walk to school using designated footpaths when they are old enough to do so.

If you have any other ideas that might help we would like to hear them and would ask you to write into office@fourcsmat.org.uk Alternatively we are looking to hold a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 10 December 2025, 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm** at Manor Drive Secondary Academy should you wish to attend. At this meeting the Local Authority, Trust representatives and the Headteachers of both schools will be available to listen to your concerns and ideas.

Yours sincerely

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