

Dear Miss Priestman,

I feel I must protest against the recent dictum declaring the drive-in from Clarence Lane a prohibited area in the mornings. I agree fully with your remarks about the entrance from Rochester Lane and driving through the grounds of the training college. It is undoubtedly wrong to use the grounds as a short cut. But, in my view, driving from Clarence Lane to the nursery is another matter. I would like to draw your attention to the following points

1. Many fathers, myself included, drive our children to school, on the way to work, and like to be delayed as little as possible. You may call me unduly fussy, but I like to see my younger boy, Richard, into school, personally. In order to do this, under the new method, would involve unnecessary waste of time. I don't consider it satisfactory for my elder boy, Jonathan, to see Richard in. Further, because of the congestion caused, in

Clarence Lane, by many cars drawing up at the same time near the gate, it will not be possible always to stop outside the gate, thus necessitating even further wastage of time.

2. Having delivered my children at school, on many occasions it is necessary for me to return to Roxhampton Lane. Under the new scheme, this would mean a considerable detour in order to turn the car, as it is impracticable to turn it in Clarence Lane itself, because of the narrowness of the road.
3. On Monday mornings, my children take with them their Wellingtons and bags, containing towel, comb etc. Are they expected to carry these themselves from Clarence Lane to the school? While my elder boy might manage his boots and bag, my younger one certainly could not.
4. Finally, what is to happen on wet days?

I feel that the decision made by the school was somewhat arbitrary. In this democratic age, perhaps some discussion of the position might have been advisable. It is hard that we should be penalised like naughty children, for the misdeeds of a few. Would you bring this letter to the attention of the authorities.

Yours sincerely,  
M. Johnson