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CHRISTMAS has come early for Tisbury School leaders who are thrilled to receive funding from the ILT Foundation to end their car park safety worries.

The ILT Foundation has approved a grant of \$30,000 for a project that will see a drive-thru car park and safe child drop-off zone built at the primary school, which sits on the busy Boundary Road and Gorge Road Highway corner, south of Invercargill.

Tisbury School board chairman, Lyndon Copeland, said the funding approval was a relief for everyone at the school, which had a roll of 93.

“Our whole focus is on safety,” he said.

“There have been a couple of near misses with the way it is at the moment and thankfully they have been near-misses and no-one has been hurt. But in my eyes it was only a matter of time before someone probably got hurt. And one would be too many.

“So we’re really rapt that the ILT Foundation has given us that amount. It’s brilliant. It’s allowed us to get the job underway. Without that grant it would have been quite a hard task.”

Mr Copeland said the car parking arrangement had to change because it was a “dangerous wee spot” for dropping children off and picking them up.

“There’s a lot of congestion in those time frames. A lot of the parking is also across the road, which is a highway where lots of trucks and big vehicles go past.

“So we’re trying to have more parking on the side where the school is and we’ll also have a drive-thru and drop off area as well, just to make it a lot safer. The last thing you want is for children to get run over.”

ILT Foundation chairman, Alan Dennis, said the Tisbury School leaders’ push for a safe car park area had to be applauded.

“There’s nothing more important than the safety of our children,” he said.

“So we’re pleased to be able to get the project off the ground to ease the worry of Tisbury School parents, children and staff.”

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