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Dear Parents / Carers

PUPIL SAFETY AND RESPONSIBLE PARKING

Parking around the school is becoming more and more hazardous. It is vitally important, for the safety of you and your children, to ensure that you stop and park safely even if it is only for a few minutes to drop them off. Illegal and inconsiderate parking around the school is causing hazards for road users and pedestrians alike. Inconsiderate parking creates unnecessary traffic jams and increases the likelihood of an accident occurring and someone you know being hurt whilst also causing real problems for children and parents who are walking in or out of the school, those with pushchairs and also wheelchair users.

When parking you need to respect any parking regulations and the needs of other road users in the area. Please park in a safe location, where you are not causing any obstruction or breaching any traffic regulations.

WHERE CAN'T I PARK?

- On school entrance markings during school hours
- On public footpaths and verges
- Partially or fully across a dropped kerb for a driveway
- On pedestrian crossings and their zigzag markings
- Within 10 metres of a junction
- Around a bend where oncoming traffic has a restricted view
- On school zig-zags, double yellow and single yellow lines (during controlled hours)
- At taxi ranks and bus stops
- In disabled parking bays unless you are entitled and displaying a valid blue badge.

We want to ensure that everyone gets to and from school safely and we need your help to address the parking issues around our school. We know how busy school drop off and pick up is and how difficult it can be to park and that time is of the essence. We do see some great examples of parking and people walking, cycling and scooting to school. However, we are still seeing dangerous and illegal parking which is affecting the safety of the children and the local residents. Unsafe parking and driving is also shown to deter people from walking and cycling to school, something we are actively encouraging to create a healthier and safer school environment.

We realise sometimes parking near the school is necessary but we urge you to park safely and legally a little further way from the school and walk in. The safety of our children is paramount. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in avoiding significant problems/potential dangers being caused by careless or inconsiderate parking outside the school. We hope that we can all work together to improve safety for our children and show more consideration for our neighbours.

Yours sincerely

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