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Dear Parents/Carers,

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL DRIVERS ARE AWARE OF THIS LETTER AND UNDERSTAND IT

Parking around school

As you will be aware, parking around school is very limited. Other schools have far less parking than us and still manage to get the children to and from school safely and without lots of disputes.

I have written to parents/carers many times asking for your cooperation to ensure that all of our children can get to and from school safely.

As a school, there is no obligation for us to stand at the gate and remind drivers of the law and the highway code, but we choose to do it as we very much care about the safety of our children.

The scenes that we have witnessed over the last few days have been shocking and very upsetting to witness and experience.

I have been verbally abused, by parents, who have shouted at me for not providing ample parking spaces and also by local residents who have repeatedly had strangers parking in their driveway or blocking access to their property. We have witnessed drivers parking at junctions, dropping pedestrians off on the zigzags and performing dangerous manoeuvres, often involving mounting the pavements. We have witnessed cars driving along the pavement, when children are walking sensibly, putting them at risk.

There is nothing that we, as a school, can do to change the situation. The parking restrictions are there to keep our children safe and any violations of these are risking children's safety.

Drivers must not:

-park or even stop on yellow zig-zags

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- park or stop on the solid yellow lines between 8am & 9am and 3pm and 4pm
- park within 10 metres of a junction
- mount the kerb when pedestrians are walking
- park in a drive-way without the owners' permission
- block the entrance to a driveway

If we witness anything illegal taking place, we will take photographs or videos of the cars, and send them to the police.

A traffic warden visited school this week and several drivers will be receiving fines, for the way they parked, if they have not done already.

I keep getting asked the question, "Where am I supposed to park?".

The answer is, that it is your responsibility to find a legal and safe place to park, even if that means that you need to walk for a few minutes or even if it means that you have to either get a bit wet, or use an umbrella.

It would be life-changing for everyone involved if a child was injured or worse. Surely that is not a risk that anyone is willing to take.

All of our children have the right to be safe and we all need to play our part in this.

I hope that we can all work together on this matter to provide a safer experience for our children.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Bell
Headteacher