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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parking

I have written to you on a number of occasions reminding all drivers to abide by the law, when dropping off and picking up from school. You also received a similar letter from the police earlier this month.

Many of you choose to ignore these reminders on a daily basis, even though you are potentially endangering the safety of your own children and other children attending our school.

Over the last few days, this has got increasingly worse as drivers pay no regard to the road markings or traffic signs, causing Reedley Road to be impassable to drivers and incredibly dangerous for any children travelling to school on foot.

I cannot emphasise enough how dangerous this driving and parking is to our children.

This morning, a number of children who passed me at the pedestrian gate were visibly shaken and reported hearing adults swearing and being aggressive towards each other. This is not how I want our children to start their school day and not the impression I wish passers-by to have of our school.

Other children, who were waiting on a pavement also had to step back as a car was driving with two wheels mounting the pavement.

I am shocked and disappointed that some drivers hold such little regard for children`s safety.

I would like to remind you all again that the law states:

- You must not park **OR EVEN STOP** on the yellow zigzags or the solid yellow lines around the school (including slightly higher up from the school) at school drop off and pick up times.
- You must not park within 10 metres of any road junction
- You must not park in front of the entrance to a private property

In addition to this we still see children getting in and out of cars in the middle of the road, often into oncoming traffic. I cannot believe that any parent/carer would endanger their child`s life in this way.

I suggest that drivers find a place to park on the streets around the school, which may mean that you need to walk for a minute or two to reach the school, instead of performing these dangerous and potentially life-threatening manoeuvres.

THIS DANGEROUS ACTIVITY HAS TO STOP NOW OR THERE WILL BE A SERIOUS INCIDENT. I URGE ALL DRIVERS TO ABIDE BY THE LAW AND TO MAKE SAFE CHOICES FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN AND FOR THOSE OF OTHERS.

Please ensure that all drivers have seen a copy of this letter.

I trust that you will agree to support our children in this matter.

Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher