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Dear Families

Health and Safety: Traffic and Parking Concerns

Unfortunately, I am having to write to you again regarding ongoing concerns raised regarding dangerous and inconsiderate car use that has been brought to our attention including a near miss on Friday afternoon and another one this morning..

Careless parking and driving is very dangerous and puts our children's lives at risk. I would hate for a child to be harmed and for a parent at school to have to live with having caused a child harm.

I would appreciate it if those who use vehicles to transport children to and from school use the utmost care when driving near school. Please ensure you stick to the speed limit and please take care when reversing; there have been a number of near misses with big cars nearly hitting little children. Children do not have the advantage of our height for seeing dangers nor do they have our abilities to judge speed or the size of gaps between vehicles. Young children especially, do not have the experience to anticipate danger so it is vital car users take the utmost care.

As you know, we regularly receive concerns and complaints from families, about other families dropping off and picking up children whilst parked on the zig zag and double yellow lines outside of school.

It is illegal for anyone to park on the zig zags during restricted times.

Only families with Blue Badge holders are permitted to park on double yellow lines. It is illegal for anyone to park on double yellow lines without a blue badge displayed. The [Highway Code](#) also makes clear that you should not park at or near a bus stop. On a number of occasions, cars parked on the double yellow lines next to the concrete pedestrian crossing refuge have prevented buses being able to pass as they have not left sufficient passing space. At times, this has led to vehicles overtaking and driving on the wrong side of the road. This particular problem would be resolved if families can ensure that no-one parks on double yellow lines adjacent to the concrete pedestrian crossing refuges as identified in the image overleaf.

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I am aware that families who bring and collect their children to and from school experience a great deal of difficulty finding a suitable place to park due to the school's location. I am also aware how congested the local area is just before school and just after school and it is these times that cause me the most concern.

It is equally important that car users consider child safety when parking. If you park fully on the pavement, you may cause young children or families with buggies to walk on the road and endanger themselves further. Please ensure that you closely supervise your children once outside of the school premises. Please reinforce the importance of road safety with your child, especially the need to look both ways before crossing. I would appreciate it if families would relay these concerns to any grandparents or other relatives picking children up.

I am sure that you will agree with me that children's safety is a huge priority and we all have a role to play. Please show consideration by driving at sensible speeds around school and by parking away from school, mindful of children's safety and neighbouring residents' rights of access.

I know that a number of families have contacted police, councillors and our MP regarding this problem. Please be assured I have contacted the council's Health and Safety team, the Parking Enforcement team and the Traffic Management team sharing my concerns and asking if there are any further long term solutions to reduce the risk to my pupils and their families.

Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully
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