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**“A Christian school with
children at its heart”**



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Dear Parents/Carers

Safety of Children v Irresponsible Parking

We are sure that everyone will agree that the safety of all children at our school is of paramount importance and that every member of our school community has a responsibility to ensure that, to the best of their ability, each and every child's safety is preserved.

Unfortunately, however, we have received information that some parents are still parking or pausing, with their car engines still running, on the zig-zag and double yellow lines directly outside school. These road markings are specifically designed to keep vital sight lines around the zebra crossing clear and help protect children and other pedestrians using the crossing. The drivers of these cars are acting wholly irresponsibly, without thought for the safety of others and flouting the law. To add to the problems many of these drivers then pull away from the roadside very slowly in order to watch their own children as they walk up the paths into school, which causes great difficulty for all other vehicles on the road. Needless to say, in the event of an accident outside school, any driver parking or pausing their car in the immediate area would be culpable and liable to prosecution.

We are, of course, very aware that traffic and parking problems at the beginning and end of each school day are clearly exacerbated by the school's location on a busy village road. We are, therefore, particularly grateful to the Duke of Cumberland pub for allowing our parents to continue to use their car park, enabling many of our families to "park 'n' stride" to school.

Whilst we cannot conjure up any extra parking areas, please consider the possibility of using the Duke of Cumberland car park or even leaving the car at home and walking the extra distance to school.

For the sake of the children and other pedestrians, please remember to park considerately and in particular avoid parking near the crossroads at the top of Church Road, the zig-zag areas outside school, at the nearby bus stops and around the entrance to Tithe Farm.

We know that the vast majority of parents do park thoughtfully and legally and are very grateful to them, however accidents only take seconds to occur whereas the consequences often last a lifetime. Please think of the children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Orr'.

Mr R Orr
Headteacher