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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Parking Considerately - Please Help

We would like to make an appeal at the start of the school year to ask you to park responsibly and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. Last year we received numerous complaints from Headteachers, Councilors and local residents about parents parking habits. The most common complaints referred to parents;

- Parking too close to junctions therefore restricting sight lines.
- Stopping and parking on the 'school keep clear markings' (yellow zig-zag lines).
- Double parking; this can restrict access for emergency vehicles.
- Blocking access to and from resident's driveways.
- Parking on pavements blocking access for pedestrians.
- Performing dangerous maneuvers with disregard for pedestrians, particularly school children.

Children of a young age have particular difficulty judging the speed of traffic and being able to see clearly in all directions. The zig-zag lines have been installed to help create a space where drivers and children will have better sight lines. In some instances they also provide a safe place to cross for the School Crossing Patrol. By parking irresponsibly you are taking away this safe place, which jeopardises the safety children attending the school and other pedestrians.

We appreciate that schools are very busy places and that the morning and evening rush hour can place additional stresses on drivers and parents. However we would like the area outside of schools to be as traffic free as possible and certainly less populated by parked cars. By parking further away from school you will not only reduce congestion, but you will have the opportunity to practice and discuss road safety with your child as you walk the latter part of the journey. Please also consider local residents and other road users when parking, ensuring that you are not causing an obstruction. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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