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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to all parents on behalf of local residents who are quite rightly concerned about the way people are parking around the school premises and neighbouring streets. As a neighbour to local residents, I feel it is our duty to ask parents to have consideration for other road users and pedestrians by trying to encourage walking/cycling/scootering to school. If this is not possible, then parking considerably would ensue that residents can exit their driveways safely, road users can see clearly and pedestrians can cross safely.

I understand that parents have busy lives and many are dropping children on their way to work, but we have had incidents of

- Young children almost being knocked down in our staff car park by IJS parents dropping children off
- Cars blocking neighbours driveways (see attached photos overleaf) or being parked too far away from the kerb
- Parents being rude when being asked to move their car by local residents
- Parents illegally parking outside the front of school blocking the view of children crossing
- Parents parking in the staff car park at the front of school on the yellow cross hatchings which are the access points for ambulances and fire engines and thereby putting children's safety at risk
- Parents double parking in Laud Close and preventing cars from driving along the road

We have tried to help parents and local residents by:

- writing a new travel plan to ensure the school employs a range of strategies for reducing car usage
- increasing bike and scooter storage at school
- running the 'walk to school' campaign
- promoting sustainable transport in assemblies and in class
- employing a crossing patrol warden
- running cycle training for older pupils
- getting the local police to advise children in assembly on how to keep their bike/scooter safe
- writing to the local councillor to ask for a parent drop off zone for both the infant and junior school
- informing and reminding parents about where it is safe to park

The school, pupils and local residents would really appreciate your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Lewin
Head Teacher

