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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **URGENT REQUEST REGARDING PARKING**

This is a plea to everyone who drives their children to school. It is really important that you park your car LEGALLY and CONSIDERATELY.

We share Dee Road with another school as well as the fire station. It is ESSENTIAL that buses and emergency vehicles are able to go up and down the road without delay.

It is also really important that we are considerate to our neighbours who live in Dee Road. Those of us who live near schools know that there is increased traffic at certain times of the day, but it is simply not acceptable that our neighbours are unable to park in their own drives, or to get their cars out of their own garages.

Driveways are private property, not public parking spaces. Dropped kerbs for access to driveways should not be obstructed.

It is illegal to park or drop off on zigzags outside schools and on the approach to zebra crossings – the markings are there to create a safe zone for pedestrians.

Police Community Support Officers and Parking Enforcement Officers regularly patrol outside schools and they do issue penalty notices to illegally and dangerously parked vehicles.

I am hoping to meet with our local Councillors in the New Year to discuss what can be done to alleviate the traffic problems in our area. In the meantime, I would urge everyone to think carefully about where and how they park, so that we ensure that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

You can find further guidance on safe and legal parking in the Highway Code.  
<https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html>

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Doberska

Headteacher