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Dear Parents,

I am unfortunately having to write to you all about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the school. I know that pick up and drop off times are difficult and very busy; however, a small minority of parents are still parking without any thought for our local residents. Weekly, I receive calls and visits from residents very unhappy about cars being parked across their drives, on the zigzag lines and parents parking their cars in front of the vehicle gates restricting emergency access into the school. This is obviously both dangerous and illegal. This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users.

Please don't:

- **Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access**
- **Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance**
- **Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or resident's driveways**
- **Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction**
- **Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users**
- **Leave your vehicle with the engine still running**
- **Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds**

The Highway Code rule 238 states:

You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see 'Road markings') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping. Law RTRA sects 5 & 8

Now the mornings and evenings are lighter and the weather is warmer, to ease this problem I would also encourage parents and pupils to use more sustainable modes of travel to get to school where this is possible.

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I do understand that parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school; however, I urge, where possible, for parents/guardians to park away from the school and then walk in.

Please could you think of the safety of ALL our children and refrain from parking across resident's driveways as this is an offence which could also result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

Thank you in advance for your support in this important issue and let's hope together we can ensure the safety of the children and be more considerate to our local residents.

Kind regards
Andrew Russell
Headteacher