



Dear Parents and Carers

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### **Road Safety / Parking and Consideration for Local Residents**

I am writing to you today with a heartfelt plea regarding the ongoing issue of traffic and parking outside the school. In recent weeks, there have been several near misses where children have almost been struck by vehicles during the busy drop-off and pick-up times. These incidents are extremely concerning, and we must all work together to ensure the safety of our students.

One of the most alarming trends we have witnessed is parents stopping in the middle of the road, allowing their children to get out of the car on their own. This poses a serious danger to the child, as well as to other road users. The potential for a tragic accident is very real, and I urge you to consider the safety, not only of your own child/ren, but of all the children attending our school.

In addition to these safety concerns, we have also observed parents becoming verbally abusive towards one another, particularly when frustrated by parking or traffic issues. This kind of behaviour is not only distressing for those involved, but also sets a very poor example to the students, who look to the adults in their lives to model respectful and appropriate behaviour.

We fully understand that parking around the school is challenging, and while we sympathise with the difficulties this creates, it is unlikely that the situation will change in the near future. However, by working together and taking small steps, we can alleviate the problem. Encouraging your secondary-aged children to walk to school or arranging a sensible and safe drop-off a short distance from the school, are both excellent ways to reduce congestion. If driving really is necessary, please park considerately and safely, even if it means walking a little further. We are very fortunate in that there is always plenty of stopping and dropping off space on the side roads around the school and we encourage you please to use these spaces, of course being mindful not to block the driveways of the local residents.

We must all take responsibility for ensuring the safety of our children and setting a positive example to them. Together, we can create a safer environment outside the school and reduce the risk of accidents, whilst also fostering a more respectful and considerate atmosphere.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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