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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am having to write to you about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around school. Although we have continued with staggered start and finish times to help ease the congestion outside of school, I know pick up and drop off times are still busy. We are aware of a small minority of parents who are still parking without any thought for pedestrians and local residents.

As a follow up to my letter emailed yesterday, **it is an offence to commit any of the following:**

- **to stop on the Keep Clear markings and zigzag lines - this parking is obviously both dangerous and illegal**
- **to park wholly on the footway - diverting pedestrians away from their desired line of travel and into the road**
- **to park wholly across a dropped kerb**
- **to wilfully ride or drive on the footway by the side of any road made for the use of pedestrians, even if the driving may only last for a few seconds**
- **parking across residents driveways**

Committing any of the above offences may result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

The types of parking outlined above can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users. In addition, the concerns over unsafe parking can be a major barrier to increasing levels of walking and cycling to school. I do understand that parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school, however, I would urge where possible for parents/carers to park away from the school and then walk in.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the vast majority of parents who act in an appropriate manner and with a respectful attitude whilst on school grounds and outside of school. Recently however, we have been made aware of several incidents of rude and aggressive behaviour from some parents whilst bringing their child(ren) to school, outside of the school gates. At our school, we understand that parents are often trying to juggle several commitments at once, may be running late for appointments or are having a particularly stressful day, and that this can lead to brash and uncharacteristic behaviour. Nonetheless, rude



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and aggressive language towards other parents and members of staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness of, and emphasise the importance of, adults, including staff, parents and carers, modeling the 3 School Rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe. These are in place for our children as they teach them how to cooperate with and work alongside other members of the school and wider community in a polite, respectful and safe way.

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

Yours sincerely

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