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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parents and carers parking too near to school entrances put children in danger. The area outside our school is busy in the morning and even more so at leaving times. Parents who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, placing children and adults in danger.

Following complaints from residents and parents about a minority of 'dangerous and inconsiderate' adults responsible for drop off and collection, I need to remind you that we must maintain a safe journey to school for all. We can do this in a number of ways: in particular, by ensuring we keep the immediate vicinity outside school free from parked cars, and by following the highway code and not parking on double yellow lines. Some cars have recently mounted the pavement to get past other parked cars and this is presenting a huge risk to our students.

By keeping the roads around school clear it allows children and adults walking in and out of school to travel safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic. We are talking to all our students about road safety at the moment to ensure they know how to keep themselves safe.

I have also raised my concerns with both the police and council, and will continue to work with them to find a potential solution. In the meantime we ask that parents **do not drive on the public footpath in any circumstances and utilise non double yellow line street parking on the housing estates to the east and south of the school, respecting local residents and parking restrictions.** There are also short stay parking bays along Overleigh Road.

Whilst I know this might create some difficulty, I am sure you can appreciate the need to put the safety of students first.

If you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school reception.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Kearns Headteacher

Mr P Burke Chair of Governors

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