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Dear Parents

I am writing to ask for your support in impressing upon your sons and daughters the need for caution when leaving school and crossing the roads. I am also concerned about the way some parents are parking and driving onto the site.

From a parental point of view, we do not allow parents to drive onto the school site to pick up or drop off pupils unless there is an agreed special reason for that to happen. This is for the simple reason that if everyone did so, the school could not function at the beginning and end of the day and the school entrance would become very dangerous. Please do not drive onto the site without prior agreement.

Parking is also a worry. It seems to be that there is an almost desperate struggle between some parents to get as near as possible to the school gates and this is causing congestion and completely unnecessary hazards for your children. Please remember the rules of the Highway Code in terms of not parking on corners and blocking entrances and exits.

Finally, I am worried that some, especially younger pupils, are rushing out of school towards the road without due care and attention. Also some are making a nuisance of themselves in and around bus stops.

We did fund a crossing patrol operative and that was successful, but the council are unable to recruit anyone to fill this position at the moment. We have as many staff as we can around and about the school at home-time, but with all of the other duties that need to be undertaken within school, this is not as easy to accomplish as it might seem.

I will be asking our site staff to visit the gates at times and make sure that a small number of parents are not driving onto the site to collect/drop pupils. I will also be passing registration numbers and photographs of illegal parking onto the police, as it is not fair on those parents who park sensibly to allow others not to.

I am sure the things I have mentioned have just been occasional oversights, but I am worried that, if we do not tackle these issues together, for the sake of the youngsters, there is a real risk that someone will be harmed.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Flowers
Head of School

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