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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Polite request

We realise that some parents/carers have no alternative but to drive their child/ren to school. Most drivers are respectful to the road markings and restrictions around the school proximity by parking away from the school and walking the short distance to reach their destination, which also enables children the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with parents on the way. This helps build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk when walking around their local community.

We all have a responsibility to ensure everyone is safe when going to and from school. We can do this **by not:**

- stopping in the middle of the road even for a few seconds to drop off children.
- blocking the road that emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access to
- parking on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- parking where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- sitting in the vehicle with the engine running
- parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction or where there are bollards in situ
- parking on the pavement, H bars, or across dropped kerbs and residents' driveways
- getting children out of the car on the road side where traffic is trying to pass

By following the polite request above you can make a huge difference to the congestion around schools, making it safer and less stressful for all.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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