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Dear families,

I am writing to ask for your help with parking, drop-off and pick-up so that all our children, families and neighbours remain safe.

Over recent weeks families and residents have reported a number of near-misses and unsafe manoeuvres, particularly on Oldfield Road at the start and end of the school day. Please help us reduce risk by observing the following requests every day.

Please park and move sensibly

- Do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag markings outside school. These are there to keep sightlines clear for pedestrians and drivers.
- Avoid parking on pavements, double-yellow lines, across driveways or where you would force pedestrians (including children) into the road.
- Be mindful of residents' driveways and of local access for emergency vehicles.
- Please do not drive up the school driveway to drop off children. The disabled spaces must be kept clear for those that need them.

Choose alternative places to park

- Consider "park and stride": park a short distance from school (for example in the public car park or a side street) and walk the last 5–10 minutes with your child. This reduces congestion right outside school and is good for children's independence and wellbeing.

Reporting incidents

- If you witness a dangerous driving incident, collision or near miss that requires police attention, please report it directly to the police on 101 giving the location, time and vehicle details if possible. If there is immediate danger call 999.

Thank you for your cooperation. Keeping our community safe requires everyone's attention; small changes to parking and routines make a big difference.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Swindlehurst
Headteacher