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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Parking and Driving Outside the School

As some of you may be aware, we were visited this week by Essex Police who took some time to observe the driving and parking outside the school. We have been concerned for a long time about the dangerous and illegal parking and driving by parents dropping off and collecting their children from school. We understand that these times of the day are busy and people want to get from one place to another as quickly as possible, however it is important that we do everything to keep the children safe and respect our local community.

The police gave us some advice about dangerous and illegal driving and parking which is listed below but we would also suggest that parents ask themselves the following questions before driving to school:

- Do I really need to drive my children to school or can we walk? (Less cars means safer roads and walking is a healthy way to get to school).
- What time do we need to leave to enable us to get to school on time? (So that you don't need to rush)
- What are the parking restrictions in the areas around the school? (Yellow lines, zig zag markings etc)
- Can I park more safely a bit further away from the school? (Parking a few minutes' walk from school can make the road outside quieter and safer)

For your information:

- Parking or dropping off on the white zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing is illegal (and dangerous). This can incur a fine and three points on your licence.
- Parking on the corner of a road or on the path/verge is illegal – it is an obstruction of the public highway and can incur a fine and three points on your licence.
- Parking on yellow lines which show a parking restriction (kerb-side or zig zag) is a parking offence and can incur a fine.

As a school, we will be monitoring these issues, which will include taking the registration number or taking a photo of vehicles that are driven or parked illegally or dangerously. These will be sent to either the police or the Essex Parking Partnership who will investigate for us.

If any parents or residents witness any driving or parking issues, please report these to either the police <https://saferessexroads.org/extraeyes/extra-eyes-what-next/> if it is an illegal incident or to Essex Parking Partnership <https://www.parkingpartnership.org/south/> for parking on Yellow markings or blocking driveways.

By working together, we can hopefully make the roads around our school safer for the children and all users.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Haken'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mrs J Haken
Deputy Headteacher

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