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Dear Parents / Carers

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Parking and Safety of our Children

I am once again writing to all parents and carers to request that those of you who use cars to drop off and collect your children think carefully about where you park.

The markings around the school are enforceable in law and should be adhered to at all times. The whole area is a NO STOPPING ZONE as well as a no parking one. Cars are continuing to pull up on to the yellow zig zags and are endangering the lives of children walking to school. It is NEVER acceptable to park on any of the pavements. This is illegal. Breaking parking or no stopping regulations are subject to a fine of £100. All instances brought to the attention of the police will be actioned.

We should also like to remind you that the driveway and staff car-park should never be used for dropping off nor picking up children at any time. The only exception to this is for drivers with a blue disabled badge and this should only be just prior to the start and end of the school day. Cars should never be parked on the privately owned land at the end of the driveway as this is considered trespassing.

As a school we work closely with our local community and enjoy good relations with our neighbours, however, we have again received numerous reports of parents both blocking driveways, driving on the pavements and also of illegal parking on double yellow lines. It is also not acceptable that, on occasion, our neighbours are unable to exit their driveways for the duration of the 'school run'.

We would ask that drivers help in making the walk into school as safe as possible for all children by parking as far away from the school entrance as necessary, this would include not parking down Sutton Close at all. The park and stride approach would mean that inappropriate and unacceptable parking practices can be avoided, as well as encouraging more walking and ensuring the safety of children walking in the immediate vicinity of the school's entrance.

We are also working with the police to improve the situation, advice received is that "if a resident is blocked in and needs to get out they should call 101. If problems persist then they should record the registration of the offending vehicle and pass this to the police."

As previously advised if anyone observes illegal, dangerous or obstructive parking behaviours associated with the journey to and from school, please report this online using Operation Crackdown (<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>). Alternatively you can contact the Police on 101. All you need is a vehicle registration, a brief description of the driver, what happened, where and what date and time. Recent police reports indicate the success of this operation.

Volunteer School Crossing Patrol

We are looking for a volunteer school crossing patrol to assist the community in crossing the road during school start and finish times. Full onsite training will be given along with summer and winter uniforms. If interested please contact the school office for more details.

We thank you for your continued support and consideration in keeping all the children safe.
Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams
Headteacher

