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Dear Parents / Carers

### **Parking and consideration for our neighbours**

I am 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. I have been made aware of a number of examples of illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate parking, the details of which I have passed on to the police.

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. Increasing numbers of cars are pulling up on to the yellow zig zags and stopping to allow children to exit or get into their cars, this is illegal. It is also definitely not acceptable to park on the pavement.

We should also like to remind you that the driveway and staff car-park should not 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.

As a school we work closely with our local community and enjoy good relations with our neighbours, however, we have also received reports of parents both blocking driveways and also of illegal parking on double yellow lines. It is 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 by parking as far away from the school entrance as necessary, this would include not parking down Sutton Close at all.

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 01243 642222. All you need is a vehicle registration, a brief description of the driver, what happened, where and what date and time.

Particularly with the warmer weather finally here, parking away from the school would be greatly appreciated. This 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 thank you for your continued support and consideration in keeping all the children safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams  
Headteacher

