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9th October

Dear Parents / Carers

Parking Issues

It has once again been brought to our attention that a very small minority of parents may not only be putting children and families at risk when they are dropping off / collecting from school but are also showing a complete lack of respect for local residents around the school community.

An incident reported this morning involved a car parked on the junction between Barker's Lane and Lisburne Grove reducing entry to the junction to one lane causing significant risk to pupils and families walking and drivers. I was shocked to receive this complaint, and found it difficult to understand how anyone with a driving license would think that this was acceptable as it is in contravention of the Highway Code Rule 242 and 243. My guess would be that this particular individual and others who park in similar ways would use the poor excuse that 'there was nowhere to park', however this is completely unacceptable. An incident like this, compromises the safety of all involved with the school and local community, the vast majority of whom do their utmost to park safely.

I feel that it is necessary to remind the small minority once again that in addition to parking / waiting / dropping off / picking up / reversing on the yellow zig-zags or across the school driveway is not acceptable when arriving / leaving school or club, neither is parking on / across driveways of local residents.

I know many of you as parents and our local community feel the same frustrations as we do as a school about this small minority of parents / carers. Despite having the same parking problems as the very small minority who put the children at risk, we recognise that the majority of our parents take the safety of all of the children at Barker's Lane very seriously. I would like to thank these parents / carers and ask for their continued support by reminding you to please let Mr Hill, in the school office, have any registration numbers of vehicles that are parking in an unsafe manner / obstructing the road which we report to the police and to highways.

To the very small minority who are choosing to obstruct the road / junction / park in areas which put all of the children at risk or park in places such as dropped kerbs / across the driveway of local residents – on behalf of the governing body may I remind you that if you are unable to walk with your child / children to school, that you need to give yourself extra time to get to school and arrive earlier when spaces nearer to the gate and in safe appropriate places are available.

I would appreciate if this information could be shared with other family members / friends who bring / collect children from school.

As always many thanks for the continued support from those families who care about the safety of all of our children at Barker's Lane and the reputation of the school in our local community. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Yours faithfully

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