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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Inconsiderate Parking and Driving Around School Premises

I am writing to address an ongoing concern regarding inconsiderate parking and unsafe driving practices around our school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have observed several instances where vehicles are parked across driveways, restricting access to side roads, on double yellow lines, and in areas designated for pedestrians. Additionally, there have been cases of speeding and dangerous manoeuvring close to school grounds. These behaviours not only disrupt traffic flow but, more importantly, endanger the safety of our pupils, families, and local residents.

To address these concerns, the school has taken the following steps:

- **Liaised with the local council** to request increased patrols and signage.
- **Sent regular reminders** through newsletters and school communication platforms urging parents to park considerately.
- **Implemented a 'Park and Stride' scheme**, encouraging parents to park a short distance away and walk/scooter/bike to the school.
- **Worked with staff and Police community officers** to monitor and report persistent issues.
- **Wrote a letter to the local MP through the service StreetWatch**

While we have seen some improvement, the problem persists. Therefore, it would help to set up a **Streetwatch Volunteer Group**—a community-led initiative aimed at promoting road safety and respectful parking through friendly presence and visibility during peak hours.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Streetwatch or would like to find out more about what it involves, please see the attached leaflet.

Your support in keeping our school community safe is greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a significant difference.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Randall

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