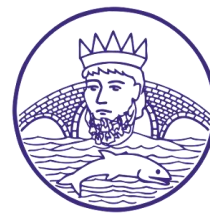


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Dear Families,

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all families, we would like to kindly remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely around the school premises.

Sadly, some local residents have recently reported verbal abuse and swearing about parking from parents/carers in our school community. This is a really significant concern for us and not how we want our school to be represented.

Some vehicles are being parked inappropriately, which can cause congestion and, more importantly, create safety hazards. To help prevent accidents and ensure the smooth flow of traffic, we kindly ask that you refrain from parking in the following areas:

- **Across driveways:** Please avoid blocking driveways, as this can disrupt access for local residents and emergency vehicles.
- **Private car parks:** We request that you do not park in private car parks that are not designated for school use. These areas are for residents or businesses and are not for school drop-offs or long-term parking.
- **On yellow/double yellow lines or zig zags:** Parking on any yellow lines or zig-zags, whether they are on the road or near the school entrance, is prohibited and can obstruct traffic flow and pedestrian movement.



We understand that morning drop offs and afternoon pick-ups can be busy, but the safety of our children is our top priority. We kindly ask for your cooperation in following these guidelines, which will not only help with traffic management but also ensure a safer environment for all. It also demonstrates the respect that we wish to show residents in our community.

Please could you share this letter with all adults who drop off or collect your children from school.

Key areas of concern around our school:

Villiers Road - cars obstructing driveways directly opposite the school



Dawson Road - cars parked on the double yellow lines on each corner, blocking the safest place for crossing as well as the dropped-kerb for buggies and wheelchair users. We have repeatedly requested that parents/carers do not park here, even approaching people individually, and it still continues.



The **private, gated developments** and access to these in Winery Lane/Vineyard Close where parents/carers are blocking access or entering private car parks and using residents' parking spaces.



Thank you for your understanding and support. Let's work together to make sure that our school remains a safe place for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,



Emily Newton

Headteacher

