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**Dear Parent/ Guardian**

**Polite request**

We write to politely ask that as many parents/carers walk, cycle or scoot with their children to and from school; this will enable them the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with you on the way, build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community.

Parents with busy lives see driving as the most convenient choice to get children to school, taking the view that they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

We realise that some parents/carers have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

All we ask to help achieve a safer, cleaner environment for all is that you please do not:

- Park on yellow lines, School Keep Clear zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, H bars, across dropped kerbs and residents' driveways
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.
- Perform any U turns on the road within the School Keep Clear lineage
- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Sit or leave your vehicle with the engine running
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

By following the polite request above you can make a huge difference to the congestion around schools, making it safer and less stressful for all.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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