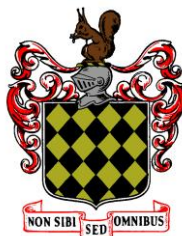


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Dear Parent/Carer

Parking, Dropping off and collecting students

The School has received a significant number of complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous local parking by parents at the end of the day in particular. Whilst the School is fully aware of your need to collect your child safely, the number of complaints is unprecedented, and I feel that this needs to be brought to the attention of all parents at this time.

Problems with parking is also a concern at the time when School events are happening, such as Parents' Evening, Options' Evenings and Concerts, when there is a large number of visitors to the School after normal school hours.

Of particular concern is the persistent blocking of local driveways, and a number of residents have complained about rudeness from parents when reasonable requests have been made to move. Residents are concerned about the messages that this sends to young people about how to behave, and I would of course concur with this view. The Community Support Officer team also patrols the area, and can issue fines to any driver who is infringing traffic regulations. It is an offence to park very close to a junction.

This matter is not, alas, new, and the School itself works to be a good neighbour informing local residents about School events.

Whilst I appreciate fully that the vast majority of parents are indeed safe, considerate and reasonable in the way that children are collected, I feel I have an obligation to remind all parents to be mindful in parking considerately, and if a resident asks you to move, the School would appreciate it if you could do so safely and promptly.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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