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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask for your support with an important issue concerning **parking, driving and road safety around the school**, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

We have recently received the letter below from a local resident. I am sharing it with you because the concerns raised are serious and reflect issues that the school has highlighted with families on a number of occasions. The roads surrounding Blue Coat are residential streets, and we all have a responsibility to ensure that our neighbours can safely access their homes and that pupils, pedestrians and other road users are not placed at unnecessary risk.

The resident wrote:

Dear Headteacher / School Office,

I am writing to raise a serious concern regarding the behaviour of a number of parents and drivers around the roads immediately surrounding the school, particularly at school drop-off and collection times.

The situation has become increasingly frustrating and, more importantly, presents a genuine safety concern for pedestrians, residents and other road users.

On a regular basis, parents are parking directly across residents' driveways, partially or completely obstructing access to properties. This is extremely inconsiderate and causes significant inconvenience to residents who are unable to enter or leave their own homes. There have also been occasions where vehicles have been left in positions that obstruct visibility and make it considerably more difficult for traffic and pedestrians to navigate the road safely.

Of even greater concern is the manner in which some vehicles are being driven along the roads opposite and around the school. There appears to be a considerable amount of rushing, impatient driving and manoeuvring in order to drop off or collect children as quickly as possible. Vehicles are being driven at speeds that are inappropriate for the area, with some drivers appearing to give little consideration to pedestrians, children crossing the road, residents exiting their properties or other vehicles attempting to pass.

It is particularly concerning that this behaviour is taking place directly around a school, where there are inevitably large numbers of young children and families on foot. The combination of vehicles parking irresponsibly, obstructing driveways and driving dangerously creates an environment in which a serious accident could easily occur.

I fully appreciate that the school cannot be responsible for the actions of every individual parent, and I am not suggesting that every parent behaves in this manner. However, the school is in a position to communicate with parents and remind them of their responsibilities when dropping off and collecting their children.



I would therefore ask that the school takes this matter seriously and considers sending a clear communication to all parents regarding appropriate and considerate parking and safe driving around the school. In particular, parents should be reminded:

- *Not to park across or obstruct residents' driveways, even for a short period.*
- *Not to stop in locations where they obstruct visibility or create a hazard for pedestrians and other road users.*
- *To drive slowly and cautiously in the roads surrounding the school.*
- *To show particular care around children and pedestrians.*
- *To avoid dangerous or inconsiderate manoeuvres simply to get closer to the school entrance.*
- *To remember that the surrounding roads are also residential roads and that the people living there need to be able to safely access and leave their own properties.*

I am raising this now because I do not believe it is reasonable to wait until somebody is injured before the issue is addressed. I have previously had one of your parents crash into my vehicle because of their reckless driving. Residents should be able to access their homes without having their driveways blocked, and children should be able to walk in the vicinity of the school without being exposed to unnecessary risks from poorly parked or dangerously driven vehicles.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm that this complaint has been received and let me know what steps the school is prepared to take to address these concerns with parents.

I hope the school will treat this as a genuine road-safety issue and take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

I would ask every member of our school community who drives to or from Blue Coat to reflect carefully on the concerns raised. **Please drive slowly and carefully, do not obstruct driveways or junctions, avoid parking where visibility is reduced, and show consideration for the people who live in the streets surrounding the school.** Saving a few minutes at drop-off or collection is never worth compromising somebody's safety or preventing a resident from accessing their own home.

We are proud to be part of this community, and our relationship with our neighbours matters. The conduct of those arriving at and leaving the school contributes directly to how Blue Coat is perceived locally. I therefore ask all families to model the same values of **respect, responsibility and consideration** outside the school gates that we expect from our pupils inside them.

Thank you for your support and for helping us to keep the area around Blue Coat safe for our pupils, our neighbours and the wider community.

Kind regards,



Mr K Sexton
Headteacher