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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT REMINDER – PARKING, ACCESS AND SAFEGUARDING

We are writing to remind all parents and carers that parking on the school grounds is not permitted.

The only exception to this is for parents or carers who hold a valid Blue Badge. This is an important safeguarding and safety measure to protect our children, staff and visitors while they are on the school site.

Unfortunately, we have recently experienced a number of incidents where vehicles have been brought onto the school grounds and have caused significant disruption. On some occasions, members of staff have been blocked in by vehicles that should not have been on the premises. When staff have politely asked drivers to move their vehicles, they have, on occasion, been met with verbal abuse.

We must be absolutely clear that this behaviour is unacceptable. Our staff should never be subjected to abuse while carrying out their duties, particularly when they are addressing a matter that directly relates to the safety of children and the smooth running of the school.

We ask that all parents and carers respect the following arrangements:

- Parents and carers must not bring or park vehicles on the school grounds, unless they hold a valid Blue Badge.
- Please do not block entrances, exits, access routes or staff parking areas.
- Staff must be able to enter and leave the site safely and without their vehicles being obstructed.
- Any request from a member of staff to move a vehicle must be treated respectfully and complied with immediately.

Pedestrian Gate Opening Times

We would also like to remind families that the pedestrian gates will open at 8:30am in the morning.

In the afternoon, the gates will open at:

- 3:10pm for Infants
- 3:15pm for Juniors

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Entrance to the school grounds will not be permitted before these times. This is not intended to cause inconvenience; it is a necessary safeguarding measure to ensure that children can be dismissed safely and that staff are able to maintain appropriate supervision and security.

We appreciate that the beginning and end of the school day can be busy, but the safety and safeguarding of our children must remain our absolute priority.

We therefore ask all parents and carers to follow these arrangements consistently and to treat our staff with the courtesy and respect they deserve.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep our school site safe for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Markham
Headteacher