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Dear Parents

Re: Important Road Safety and Parking Reminder

Following a recent visit from the police at the beginning of the school day, we have been asked to share some important concerns regarding driving, parking and stopping around the school site.

The police observed a number of unsafe and unlawful practices during the morning drop-off period, including:

- Double parking, with vehicles positioned towards the middle of the road and other drivers having to manoeuvre around them, creating a potentially dangerous situation.
- Vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit, including drivers not observing the 20 mph restrictions around the school.
- Vehicles stopping or parking close to the zebra crossing. Please remember that restrictions around pedestrian crossings must be observed. This includes Blue Badge holders and those stopping for only a short time to drop off a child.
- Vehicles parking in disabled bays without displaying a Blue Badge.
- Vehicles parking close to the disabled bay in a way that leaves part of the vehicle protruding into the road, causing other traffic to slow down or manoeuvre around it.
- Parents and carers stopping to “just drop off” in areas where parking or stopping restrictions apply.

We appreciate that mornings are busy and that everyone wants to get their children into school on time. However, convenience must never come before the safety of our children, families and wider community.

The police have asked us to remind everyone to observe the 20mph speed restriction and all signs and road markings relating to parking and stopping during school times.

We have been advised that these concerns will be passed to Solihull Council with a request for active parking enforcement, and the police are hoping to undertake a Speed Watch in the area. Importantly, the police have asked us to make clear that future enforcement may result in tickets being issued without further warnings.

Please therefore take a few extra moments when arriving at and leaving school to consider where you park or stop, and to ensure that you are driving at a safe and legal speed. Even when dropping off for only a minute or two, restrictions remain in place for an important reason.

We know that the overwhelming majority of our families share our commitment to keeping children safe, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and consideration for one another. No journey or drop-off is so urgent that it is worth putting a child, pedestrian or other road user at risk.

Thank you, as always, for helping us to keep the area around our school as safe as possible for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher