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Dear Parents and Carers,

21st November 2019

We continue to be appalled by the actions of a minority of parents who continue to make our school unsafe for the children as they come to school and leave after a day of learning.

At the end of the school day yesterday, we were made aware of an assault that had taken place in close proximity to the school. It is our understanding that this incident was instigated by the failure of a driver to adhere to the parking regulations, which caused an obstruction. When this illegal parking was highlighted, an assault took place. The individual who was a victim of this assault has informed us that a parent of the school was responsible. We have discussed the incident with the victim and have given advice on the action that should be taken.

You will know that the school has already taken considerable action to minimise concerns relating to dangerous driving and parking, and associated misconduct of parents. The school has been working with the police and they have sent out patrols of enforcement officers to our school to try to maintain safe driving and parking. In addition, our governors wrote to our local MP, the Right Honourable James Dudderidge and our Councillor Alex Bright, to ask them to witness the problem so that long term changes to the parking arrangements in Windermere Road could be considered. This morning, we have discussed our concerns with Councillor Matt Dent who has commended the school's proactivity in trying to get various solutions moved forward with the council highways department. Councillor Dent has indicated his support in moving matters forward to make the situation safer and better for everyone involved.

We recognise that the ongoing concerns apply to a small minority of parents and we are grateful for the shared responsibility that the majority of parents have shown toward ensuring the safety of the school community. We would stress again the importance of *all* parents following parking regulations, or parking elsewhere and walking the final part of the journey, to improve the safety of children and others, thank you.

Yours Sincerley,

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