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Dear parents/carers,

Pupil safety

We have been made aware of a small number of incidents regarding compromises to pupil safety during our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

To support us in keeping our pupils safe, I am reminding parents/carers of the need to supervise pupils while they are waiting to enter the school/leaving school. A number of incidents have been shared with the school which have involved pupils stepping off pavement areas into the road and into the line of moving traffic (this type of incident is often associated with pupils playing /chasing one another and not being adequately supervised by adults).

We are also asking that parents accompany their children to the school gate in the morning. A very small number of pupils have been observed crossing the road outside the school unaccompanied, more specifically, running across the road without checking for traffic in their eagerness to get to school. This week, we have been notified of a near miss, involving a child running into the road in this manner.

We are asking all parents/carers to help to ensure a safe arrival at school and to prevent potential accidents happening.

Despite our regular communications, we continue to be concerned by the actions of a minority of parents who are parking illegally and making our school unsafe for the children as they come to school and leave after a day of learning.

Please be reminded of the following:

It is unlawful and unsafe for our school community to park on double yellow lines.

It is unlawful and unsafe for our school community to stop in the middle of the road to drop off children.

These types of breaches put all children and the wider community at risk of harm.

We recognise that the ongoing concerns apply to a *very* small minority of parents and we are grateful for the shared responsibility that the majority of parents have shown to ensuring the safety of the school community. We would stress again the importance of



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all parents giving due consideration to assuring the safety of children and others.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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