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Dear parents/carers,

Pupil safety

We are aware of growing concerns amongst parents/carers in relation to dangerous driving and parking, which is compromising pupil safety in the morning and afternoon. School staff have also been 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.

We are aware that some parents are opting to park on double yellow lines, the school zig zag zones and/or stopping in the middle of the road to drop off children – all of which are illegal and put all children at risk.

To support us in keeping our pupils safe, we would urge parents/carers to give some careful consideration to safe travel arrangements. In particular, we would ask that parents please consider applying for an Ilfracombe Avenue Car Park permit. This will allow you to park during the hours 08:00-09:30 and 14:45-15:45 and walk from there to school. If you have held this permit previously, please also check if this is due for renewal. We would also encourage parents to please try to generally avoid driving and parking on Windermere Road at arrival and dismissal times.

The school is now being supported by the police on this matter and traffic enforcement patrols will be sent out to our school to support us in our attempts to maintain safe driving and parking. You will know that the school has already taken considerable action to minimise concerns relating to dangerous driving and parking on Windermere Road, including work with the council highways department, local politicians and the council's highways agency.

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 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 sincerely,

Mrs Janet Mullally, Headteacher.



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