

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Safe Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

I am writing to you today to ask for your urgent cooperation regarding parking and road safety outside our school. While I understand that the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up can be a busy time, the safety of our pupils and the accessibility of our community must come first. Recently, we have seen an increase in dangerous parking and driving habits that are putting our children at risk. Specifically, I would like to address the following:

1. Keep Zig-Zags and Dropped Curbs



The yellow zig-zag lines and dropped curbs are essential safety features, not "quick drop-off" zones.

- **Yellow Zig-Zags:** These provide a clear line of sight. Parking here creates "blind spots," making it impossible for children to cross safely and for drivers to see them.
- **Dropped Curbs:** When vehicles park across or on dropped curbs, they block the only safe crossing points for wheelchair users, people with mobility issues, and parents with prams or double buggies.
- **Pavement Parking:** Parking on the curb forces pedestrians—including small children—to walk into the road and into the path of traffic. **Please ensure all four wheels remain on the road in designated parking areas.**

2. Turn Off Your Engines (No Idling)

We are also concerned about the air quality directly outside our school. Many drivers are leaving their engines running while waiting.

- **Health First:** Children breathe faster than adults and are closer to exhaust height. Meaning they take in more pollutants.
- **Switch Off:** If your vehicle is stationary for more than 30 seconds, please turn off your engine. It is better for our children's health and the environment.

Our Request to You

To keep our community safe, we ask that you:

- **Park and Stride:** Park legally a few streets away and walk the final two minutes to the gate.
- **Respect our Neighbours:** Do not block private driveways or access points for local residents.
- **Be a Role Model:** Our children watch and learn from our behaviour. Let's show them how to be responsible and considerate road users.

Thank you for your support in making our school a safer, more accessible place for every child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Holder', written in a cursive style.

Martha Holder
Headteacher