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Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am unfortunately having to write to you all again about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around school. I know pick up and drop off times are difficult and very busy due to large amounts of children arriving for school by car. However a small minority of parents are still parking without any thought for our local residents and the children of our school.

I have taken calls from residents who are very unhappy about cars being parked across their garages, blocking cars in bays, on the double yellow lines, on the zigzag lines and unbelievably a parent parked their car blocking the entrance to the local car park. This is obviously both dangerous and illegal. This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users.

The Highway Code rule 238 states

- You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone) - [see 'Traffic signs'](#) and ['Road markings'](#). Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.
- You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings ([see 'Road markings'](#)) when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping. **Law RTRA sects 5 & 8**

Regularly when I'm on the gate in the mornings I also witness cars pull up and block resident's cars. These parked cars are also putting our children in danger as they have to step off the footway onto the road.

Bexley Borough Council will continue to use the Camera Car to monitor parking. Use of the camera car will enable more efficient and effective enforcement of the parking restrictions outside of school. The Camera Car uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology to detect offences for review by Civil Enforcement Officers prior to a Penalty Charge Notice being issued through the post.

To ease this problem I would also encourage parents and pupils to use more sustainable modes of travel to get to school where this is possible.

I do understand that parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school, however I would urge where possible for parents/guardians to park away from the school and then walk in.

Please could you think of the safety of ALL our children and refrain from parking across resident's driveways as this is an offence which could also result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

Thank you in advance for your support in this important issue and let's hope together we can ensure the safety of the children and be more considerate to our local residents.

Yours Sincerely

S Griffin
Headteacher

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