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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you all in the hope that you will take a moment to reflect on this letter and reconsider the parking habits being adopted at drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, there have been increasing concerns about **unsafe and inconsiderate parking**, which is **compromising the safety of our children** and causing **disruption to our neighbours on Alexander Road and Perham Way**.

In the past few days, I have received **several complaints from residents and other parents** about dangerous parking and a lack of consideration for pedestrians. The key concerns raised include:

- Cars stopping and turning near the main school entrance, putting children at risk.
- Parking on yellow zig-zag lines, which are there for safety reasons.
- Blocking driveways and causing obstructions to local residents.

I have personally been on duty at the school gates and have witnessed some **very concerning behaviour** that could **lead to a serious accident**. I urge you to **think carefully about where you park** when bringing your child to school.

- PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG-ZAG LINES they are there to protect the safety of all children.
- \* Consider parking further away and walking the last part of the journey. Leaving home just five minutes earlier can help reduce congestion and ensure a safer environment for everyone.

The **local police** are now aware of these concerns and will be **patrolling Perham Way and Alexander Road** in the coming months. Any motorists found parking dangerously or illegally will be moved on and may receive a **penalty notice**.

We all share the responsibility of ensuring our children's safety and maintaining good relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for your support in this serious matter—I appreciate your cooperation in helping to **keep our children safe** and **respect our community**.

Best regards,

Sarah Joyce Headteacher

