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Dear Parents & Carers,

Unfortunately, there have been numerous parking incidents in recent weeks, which have compromised the health and safety of our children.

Firstly, residents driveways have been blocked resulting in medical appointments missed and serious distress caused. Everyone has the right to have clear access to their property especially when they have the correct kerbstones, which specifically allow vehicle access. Can I please remind all parents and carers not to obstruct resident's property. **How would you feel if you couldn't leave your house when you needed to or couldn't park on your drive after a long day at work?**

Secondly, some drivers are deliberately parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school which is against the law and more importantly extremely dangerous. With this in mind parking enforcement officers will be present with a lot more regularity over coming weeks; **finances will be being issued for all infringements.**

Finally, a great many cars are parking on the grass bank directly outside of school. **Parking in this manner could easily result in disastrous consequences;** underneath the grass lies main gas pipes - it is for this reason why no off road parking has been explored in the past. Parking in this location also reduces visibility on what is a notorious bend with the speed limit changing from 60mph to 30mph. Can I please remind all parents and carers that children are crossing the road at this point and we must all strive to ensure their safety at all times. **Would you purposely place your child in danger?**

The school will continue to work with local residents and Durham County Council to explore all possible solutions to what is a countywide problem. When outside the immediate vicinity of school please remember: **no parking, no picking up, no dropping off, no excuses!**

Yours Sincerely,

Mr D Miller
Headteacher

