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Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, we trust that you and your families had a good Christmas break and that your children are settling back into the new school term. Unfortunately, in the latter part of 2016 and beginning of this year we have again seen a significant increase in complaints regarding vehicle parking outside and near to our school premises.

We appreciate that many people have busy lives, and will be 'doing the school run' on the way to or from work but there can be few things more precious than a child's life – **poor, inconsiderate or illegal parking puts your youngsters at risk !**

It may be that when taking children to and from school by car, people need to allow a few extra minutes, park a little further away and walk the final short distance – some of our schools even operate 'walking bus' facilities for this exact purpose.

Please remember – parking on school zig zags and single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines, blocking junctions, pavements or driveways are all offences for which the police and authorised PCSO's can issue a £30 fixed penalty notice. If the matter goes to court the maximum fine is £1,000 plus court costs.

Given that our previous low key approach appears not to have had the desired effect, our team will this year be taking a far more robust approach to enforcement of parking where the default position will be to 'ticket not warn'.

We also receive photographs taken by local residents and Walking Bus volunteers of incorrectly parked vehicles around our schools and will follow up on these reports when appropriate.

We hope that you will consider your parking when dropping off / collecting children so that you are not the next recipient of a parking ticket from ourselves.

Yours faithfully,

*Lee Thomas*

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