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Parking

Dear Parent and Carers

You may be aware that traffic wardens patrolled the top of Pingle Road yesterday between 8:15 and 9:00. This was an unplanned visit but proved to be very helpful in monitoring our current drop off routines; particularly at the top of Pingle road. Some school staff and many parents spoke to the wardens and it was clear that there is some lack of clarity relating to the rules around parking near school.

Themes that arose yesterday:

- Many parents are unclear of where and when they can park
- Many parents are unclear of the meaning of the road markings
- Many parents are still unaware, or are choosing to ignore the rules relating to the use of the school car park
- Signage is missing that explains the restrictions of the zig zags
- Several parents verbalised their frustration at the behaviour of some parent's driving/parking behaviour

We therefore wanted to clarify the rules/restrictions to all members of both school communities so there is no ambiguity moving forwards and that your children's safety is never compromised when they arrive and leave school.

Use of the School Carpark

This is for the use of school staff and external visitors only (please note the new red signage that has recently been displayed).

For clarity parents should therefore **not use the carpark at any point of the day** (including picking up from DASH in the evening or from after school clubs at 4:30).

Exceptions are blue badge holders and parents who have been issued with a school permit (for example their child may have a short-term injury). These are available on request from the headteachers at both schools.

Zigzag markings

These mean **no stopping or parking at any time**. Even without the accompanying signage, they remain restricted and enforceable. We are in the process of rectifying the signage problem with the council.

Turning Bays (in front of the school gates)

As per the signage these spaces **should not be used between 8:30 am and 4pm**, however use of these spaces at any time is discouraged for safety reasons.

Residents' driveways

Both schools regularly receive legitimate complaints from local residents. Blocking or partially obstructing driveways is unacceptable.

Parking/dropping off next to bollards

These were installed to improve visibility and safety for your children when crossing the road. Parking in front of these bollards is not acceptable.

Crossroads

Stopping or dropping off at or near the junction is unsafe and prohibited.

Thank you for your support in this matter and we hope that by all members of our schools' community adhering to the above all children will have a safer experience travelling to and from school.

Yours sincerely

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