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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parking Restrictions and Cooperation

I am writing to address some concerns recently raised by local residents regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. The safety and well-being of our children is paramount, and in order to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours, we need your cooperation with parking regulations.

Earlier this year, we circulated the [Parent Protocol](#), which outlines safe and considerate parking practices for our school community. Here are some key points from the document that I feel I need to reiterate:

1. **Do not park on single yellow or zig-zag lines during pick-up and drop-off times (8-9am and 3-4pm).** These lines are in place for the safety of pedestrians, especially children.
2. **Do not park on double yellow lines EVER.**
3. **Do not block pavements or driveways.** This creates a hazard for pedestrians and restricts access for residents.
4. **Do not park in residents' private parking bays.** While these bays may seem empty and inviting, especially those with dropped kerbs in Stagshaw Close, parking here is an offence and a form of trespassing. Local residents have been advised to contact the Police or Local Council if they encounter vehicles parked illegally, and will record registration numbers for further action.
5. **Within the school car park, adhere to the 5mph speed limit and avoid blocking other vehicles.**

Respect for Our Community:

It has also come to our attention that some parents have displayed aggression and used offensive language towards residents in parking disputes. This behaviour contradicts the values of **respect, kindness, and determination** that we strive to cultivate within our school community. We expect our interactions with everyone, both within the school and outside, to reflect these values.

We are committed to fostering a positive relationship with our neighbours and believe it is important for South Borough to be a valued asset in our community. By working together and adhering to safe parking practices, we can first and foremost keep our children safe but also maintain the school's long standing exceptional reputation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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