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Dear Parents/Carers

PARKING

As those of you who have been part of our school community for some time will know, road safety is always a focus for us as we try to keep everyone safe as they travel to and from school. As a reminder, parents/carers must not park on the zigzag lines on the road outside the school or outside the school gates. School gate entrances must not be used as drop off or turning points. A camera enforcement car is used regularly by statutory agencies to police this and fines do get issued.

The roads near the school are also part of a controlled parking zone, with bays clearly marked as for those with a resident's permit only. Fines are issued by civil enforcement officers who patrol the streets most days, especially at the times that school starts and finishes.

We would also ask you to continue to be considerate of our neighbours and local residents when you are parking your vehicle. Today we have received a specific complaint about a car belonging to a parent/carer which was parked in a resident's private car parking space in the underground car park of Saxon House. The resident has stated that they have reported the incident to the police because of the verbal exchange that was had with the driver of the vehicle.

Previously we have been told of incidences of parents/carers parking in front of local resident's driveways and garages or using parking spaces belonging to local businesses.

In addition to the very real risk of a parking fine when parked incorrectly on local roads, we have been told that Saxon House are installing enforcement cameras that will issue automatic fines to any number plate that does not have permission to be there.

We appreciate that parking locally is very busy, but we would always urge parents/carers to secure a suitable parking space which does not compromise the children's safety or misuse local residents' or businesses parking spaces, driveways, garages or access to these. It is extremely important to us that all members of the school and local community are safe and respectful of each other.

We appreciate that this errant parking only applies to a small minority of people, but we really do need those people to change their behaviour with regard to parking and road safety.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Walford
Headteacher