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Dear Parent / Carer,

Safer parking around school


Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. As a larger than average primary school, this leads to considerable traffic and congestion, particularly around school entrances. There have recently been several road safety incidents relating to parking and dropping off/collecting pupils. These include children exiting moving cars or exiting the driver's side door into the path of oncoming traffic. We have also received several complaints from local residents where access to their driveways has been blocked by parents and carers of pupils at the school. We are therefore asking for the support of all parents and carers to reduce the risk of a serious accident.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

Please do:

- ✓ Wherever possible, walk, scoot or cycle to school
- ✓ Stop when required to do so at the crossing patrol on Sandringham Road
- ✓ When driving can't be avoided, park away from school entrances and walk for part of the journey
- ✓ Park considerately and in a safe place
- ✓ Supervise children getting in/out of vehicles using a door on the pavement-side rather than the road side.

Please don't:

- ✗ Avoid blocking the road, especially pedestrian refuges -- emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
 - ✗ No parking on yellow lines / zig-zags
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- ✗ No parking on pavements, dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
 - ✗ Don't park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
 - ✗ Avoid parking where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
 - ✗ Don't leave your vehicle with the engine still running
 - ✗ Never stop your vehicle in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.

We have consulted with Doncaster Council highways team and there are no feasible changes to be made to the roads around school and so we rely on parents to help keep our pupils safe at these times.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Mr C Metcalfe
Principal