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All Saints Carshalton Church of England Primary School

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Parking Issues

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Dear Parents,

I have been contacted by both neighbours and parents about the matter of illegal parking and dangerous driving outside the school at drop off and pick up times. It would appear that a few parents are consistently parking on the double yellow lines and zig zag markings around the school's perimeter, even though this is illegal. These line markings are there for a reason; they enable parents and children to cross safely outside the school gates and also provide visibility for pedestrians at road junctions.

In addition, some parents are also speeding along Talbot Road and Carshalton Place in order to get into spaces.

I have also witnessed parents crossing the road with their children, without looking carefully and in front of cars driving along Talbot Road.

I am aware that our lives are extremely busy and many parents need to go on to work after dropping their children off at school, but most manage to do so safely.

I have contacted the council about my concerns, but I am appealing to you as parents to please be more careful and considerate. Everyone is aware that there are busy times of day when parking can be problematic. This issue could be eased if some of you did not try to park just before whistle time when there are more pedestrians crossing the road.

I will be encouraging the school community to name and shame and will be publishing photographs of offending vehicles in the newsletter as I am most concerned that if parents continue to behave in this manner, there will be an accident, which I am sure none of us would wish for.

I know that the vast majority of parents approach the school gates in a safe and timely manner and it is only a small minority of parents who are giving the school a bad name by regularly pulling up outside the double gates, parking on corners where there are clearly marked double yellow lines or on the zig zag markings and sometimes being abusive if approached by other parents.

We are very proud of our outstanding Travel Plan status as a school that prides itself in encouraging sustainable ways to travel to school. Please for the safety of our children, could those of you who continue to behave in this fashion, refrain from doing so before a member of our school community is badly hurt or even worse killed.

Thank you for reading this letter. I look forward to witnessing a much safer environment outside our school gates in the morning and afternoons.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Head Teacher





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