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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my previous letter where I referred to parking and driving at the end of the school day, I am writing again to ask for your continued support in ensuring the safety of our pupils and the respect of our local residents.

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints about unsafe and inconsiderate parking in Windmill Crescent and Chelmarsh Avenue. In particular, cars parking on grass verges are causing significant problems. These verges are used as overflow spaces for pedestrians when large numbers of children are leaving school together. When cars are parked there, pupils are forced closer to the road, creating a real risk of injury.

I must stress that we have a shared responsibility to ensure children can leave school safely and confidently. Blocking driveways, parking too close to the pupil exit, and using verges as parking spaces not only inconveniences our neighbours but also increases the dangers faced by children at one of the busiest times of the school day.

We do understand that collecting children can be challenging, especially when time is short. However, if you must use your car, please allow extra time to park safely and legally further away from the school and make arrangements to meet your child at an agreed location.

Thank you for your cooperation and for working with us to keep all of our pupils safe while also showing respect to our local community. With your support, we can ensure that the journey home at the end of the school day is a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Yours faithfully

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