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Dear Parents and Carers

Parking and Driving around Parkhill Infants' and Junior Schools

It is with regret that we are writing to you once again regarding parents and carers' parking and driving around the school.

Last night an incident occurred where a car mounted the double yellow-lined pavement in reverse and nearly hit a child and their elderly carer. When the parents who witnessed the incident attempted to remonstrate with the driver, this person was extremely rude to them. Not only is this behaviour illegal but it is extremely dangerous and inconsiderate. We have been made aware of another serious incident happening very recently where a car reversed into a parent, causing great pain to their leg. We have ourselves witnessed parents parking where they should not, mounting the pavements and behaving in a manner likely to cause an accident.

We would ask all parents who have to drive their child to and from school to consider arriving a little earlier, parking legally a little further away, and walking with your child to school. Not only is this good exercise, it helps teach your child road safety and creates a safer environment for all our children, as well as reducing air pollution. Just taking an extra 5-10 minutes to arrive earlier and walk makes an enormous difference. Alternatively there could be times when you could walk the whole way to school or take public transport. Very few of our families live more than a 15 minute walk away.

We are the models of good behaviour for our children and it is part of our school values that we are respectful and kind to one another. Please bear this in mind in your interactions with each other.

Thank you for your continued support.

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