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Dear Parent/Carers,

I am unfortunately having to write to you all about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around school. I know pick up and drop off times are difficult and very busy due to large amounts of children on our site however, a small minority of drivers from school are still parking without any thought for our local residents or for each other.

This week alone I have taken four calls from residents and parents very unhappy about cars being parked on double yellow lines, on the zigzag lines by school, on narrow pavements and unbelievably parents parking their cars in the middle of the road while they drop off/collect. This is obviously both dangerous and in some cases illegal and it causes further back-ups to already crowded roads. This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk, scooter and cycle to school, as well as to other road users. In addition, the concerns over unsafe parking can be a major barrier to increasing levels of walking and cycling to school.

On two of these occasions, parents have become aggressive when challenged and this is unacceptable – even more so as on both occasions this was in front of our innocent children. We would expect our parents to engage in a respectful way to each other at all times. As it states in our Home School Agreement: we ask families to support the school in maintaining good behaviour and discipline, underpinned by Christian Values and respect of all faiths. This applies to all members of our school. Our values are: love, respect, hope, creativity, forgiveness and courage.

I continue to liaise with local traffic police and our local MP and we have families who support improvements on our behalf through Shipley Council. As a school I have no jurisdiction on road safety however, I feel sure you will be on board to support any improvements you can make at a personal level to keep each and every one of us safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Baxter

Headteacher