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Parking

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am very aware that the majority of parents and carers who drive to school park with consideration for our neighbours when dropping off and picking up their children. However, we have recently received complaints about a number of inconsiderately parked vehicles near the school which coincide with the school's start and finish times. This is specifically in the car park of the flats opposite school.

Although we encourage walking to school and nursery, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used by some, to provide transport for their journeys. We must ask those parents and carers please take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents. This may result in parents parking a small distance away and walking into school to drop off and collect their children. It is very important to us that positive relations with our local community remain in place and do not diminish due to inconsiderate parking by our parents or visitors.

There is free parking at the Great Ostry car park (at the bottom of Waterloo Road) until 9.00am which allows time for you to drop your child off at school and return to your car before charges come into force. There are also spaces further up Waterloo Road beyond Blostin's Restaurant.

The gateway to the car park is most definitely not for parking in as this obstructs access for staff and visitors, not to mention emergency services should they be needed,. In addition, please do not park in the disabled space on the edge of our car park. This is reserved for blue badge holders only, and is needed by two families in our school.

I know that this request applies only to the minority of parents and carers and I feel that it is a shame that I have had to write to everyone because of the behaviour of a few people.

Thank you as always for your support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Honoria Thompson

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Headteacher



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