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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing with regard to the health and safety of the children at entrances to St Luke's Primary School and our concerns regarding traffic at the start and end of the school day.

The areas outside the school are busy in the morning and often even more so at leaving times. Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of parents who are parking far too close to these entrances or acting inconsiderately with their motor vehicles, placing children and adults in danger.

Following complaints from a number of residents and parents about a minority of 'dangerous and inconsiderate' adults responsible for drop off and/or collection, I would like to remind you that that it is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to school for everyone. We can do this in a number of ways.

Firstly, please consider whether you really need to use your car to make the journey to school at all. Not only is walking a healthier option and better for the environment, but it also helps to alleviate some of the problems we are currently facing at our entrance points.

If you do need to drive, please be considerate to others and ensure you follow these parking rules for collection and drop off:

- Cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag "School Keep Clear" markings. These markings are to prevent vehicles stopping or parking specifically outside the entrances of the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians
- Please do not park in front of driveways as local residents need to access their properties
- Cars should not be parked on pathways during drop off and collection times. Please consider the safety of young children and parents with pushchairs who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past



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- A large number of children and parents need to cross the road to get to and from our school entrances. Can I please remind drivers about keeping to a low travelling speed.

We would rather avoid the embarrassment and possible offence of having to ask people to move, and in addition, the Police Community Support Officers will begin to regularly patrol the area outside of the school. Please be clear that they will exercise their powers to ensure tickets are given to any vehicles causing an obstruction or creating health and safety issues.

I am sure we are all in agreement that we want to avoid the issuing of any tickets or formal warnings and, much more importantly, that the safety of all our children must continue to be our primary responsibility. In these circumstances, I appreciate your support in ensuring this takes priority over a convenient drop off or pick up.

Yours sincerely

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