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Date: 17th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Parking Concerns



It has been brought to my attention that the parking of parents in the streets directly surrounding the school is a significant concern and potentially puts the safety and lives of the children at risk.

Whilst I fully appreciate how difficult it can be to find a convenient place to park in order to drop and collect your child from school, I am sure you would all agree that as adults, our convenience should not put children and their families at risk of harm.

There appears to be several cars that choose to park on the pavements around school, thereby restricting and even blocking pavements to pedestrians. Cars have even been reported to drive on and off pavements without paying care and attention to the pedestrians trying to get past. The double yellow lines on the corners of School Road are there to remind cars not to park, as this restricts access to dropped curbs, for pushchairs etc and limits safe places to cross the road. I have requested that the Highways Department send regular traffic warden patrols, to reinforce this message. They can also issue fines to any driver who is parked inappropriately.

We all need to work together to make sure our children are safe, and I would therefore suggest that if you witness any unsafe parking, you report it to the parking department at Wolverhampton City Council by calling 01902 55115 - extension 5. This is also the information I give to our neighbours if access to their property is restricted due to parent parking. The parking department will respond if they are made aware of the issue.

As a school we actively promote walking and cycling to school and would encourage you to leave the car and walk to school, even if only one day a week. It will make a huge difference. The children also like the badges they get from the WOW Walk to School Challenge.

It is important that we continue to promote respectful and safe behaviours both in and out of school, and I thank you for your understanding with this concern.

Regards,

Walker

Mrs S. Walker Headteacher













