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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Driving and Parking outside of the school

As we all know, Carlton Avenue East is a very congested road in the mornings and afternoons. Not only is the Upper and Lower School on this road but there is also a Nursery and Day Care Provision and it is a cut through from Preston Road to the A4088 and the North Circular. This means that there is a high traffic volume on this road.

It is therefore imperative that we all drive and park considerately so as not to create any blockages to the flow of traffic on Carlton Avenue East.

Most of our parent body are very considerate in terms of their road use and their parking however, there are a small minority who are not and are causing snarl ups and tailbacks through their inconsiderate choices.

The following actions are not considerate choices which I am seeing regularly:

- Doing a 3 point turn on Carlton Avenue
- Parking on the zig zag lines outside of the school (This is illegal and very dangerous to pedestrians)
- Parking on the corner of Princess Avenue (This is illegal - Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that you must not park opposite or within 10m of a junction)
- Parking across someones driveway or dropped kerb (This is illegal - Rule 243 of the Highway Code)
- Parking on pavements, especially on Princess Avenue.

Parking on the corner of Princess Avenue particularly is causing unnecessary congestion as it is causing cars coming out of Princess Avenue to have to come further out to see oncoming traffic as the park car is obstructing their line of site. It is also very dangerous for our children and other pedestrians. On that note, can parents please use the zebra crossing to cross the road. This teaches our children good road safety habits and protects them from danger. Parents and children crossing the road at places other than the zebra crossing is dangerous and is adding to congestion.

With the staggered start and end times and the school taking in all siblings at the same time, this should have alleviated a lot of the parking issues around the school. However, it would still seem that despite different drop off and collection times for each year group, the congestion and dangerous parking is still



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an issue. **If we all look to park a walkable distance from the school and not all try to get the nearest possible parking spot to the school gates then this will have a huge benefit to everyone.**

It will help with the traffic flow allowing everyone to get in and out of Carlton Avenue east more easily, it will ensure that our children are safe and can be seen by all motorists, it will ensure that our neighbours are able to get in and out of their houses more easily and most importantly, it will stop tempers from flaring as they seem to when people get behind the wheel of a car. Surely this would be beneficial to us all and would help with all our wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration on the matters that I have raised.

Yours sincerely,



Mr K Atkinson
Head of Lower School