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Dear Parent/Carer

Traffic safety and parking in and around the site of Outwood Academy Bydales

As you will be aware from my last newsletter, last term we changed the arrangements for parents dropping off/collecting students when on our school site. This was to ensure the safety of the zebra crossing nearest to the school entrance, where cars were parking and obscuring views.

The arrangements continue to be that parents should carefully drive straight down the side of the school, alongside the Sports Hall, and park in one of the designated parking bays whilst dropping off or collecting students.

Can I politely request that parents, whilst waiting in vehicles, ONLY park in these designated bays, and not on the double yellow lines, not in the disabled bays, nor on the ramp leading to the kitchen delivery gates? I appreciate everyone is busy, but I cannot allow driving practice that risks student safety.

I also ask that parents take extra care driving down to the parking bays, and whilst driving out of them once collecting a child I have received two complaints now from other parents who feel, as do I, that inappropriate parking in this area, and too much haste, is compromising safety.

Finally, I remind all parents that Churchill Drive is a 'No Entry' road other than to residents who live on that road, or on adjacent streets. Please do not park on this street to collect students, as it is obvious to residents and local traffic officers that a driving offence has been committed. You will appreciate that when parents park on the pavement on Churchill Drive, whilst waiting at the end of the school day, narrow the already narrow pavements, and obscure the view of drivers coming down the road. It is hard enough for us as we man the crossing to help students cross safely. This should not be a busy road, but continues to be an illegal cut through for some drivers. Please help me keep our students safe by respecting the clearly marked road-signs at each end.

I will be reinforcing this message by handing out explanatory letters to drivers until we solve this situation for the benefit of all. I understand that other relatives and grandparents may collect students at times. I'd appreciate it if you could explain the points above to avoid potential embarrassment.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support,

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat
Principal