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Parking Safely and Respectfully Around School

Dear Families,

As you are aware, I regularly contact families to remind and encourage everyone to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting children from school.

I would like to recognise that many of you consistently do the right thing and are very considerate towards both our neighbours and the safety of all children. Unfortunately, there remains a significant number of families who do not demonstrate or role-model our school values outside of the school gates.

As Headteacher, I am receiving an increasing number of concerns and formal complaints from local residents. These relate to driveways being blocked, dangerous parking, traffic issues and in some cases, families behaving abusively towards neighbours when challenged. This is deeply concerning and reflects poorly on our school community.

You will also know that I have already worked alongside our Pupil Parliament to write to the local council to request their support in tackling issues around parking, traffic and dog fouling. Despite these efforts, the situation continues to escalate and I am running out of ways to address this problem on my own. I genuinely need your help.

Once families enter the school site, our Temple Meadow staff are focused entirely on supporting children as they arrive and begin their school day. I do not have the capacity to allocate staff to patrol surrounding streets and I am sure you would not want to see teaching staff diverted away from classrooms when they should be teaching children.

I am therefore asking all parents and carers to take personal responsibility for parking lawfully, safely and respectfully at all times. Where you witness dangerous parking or disrespectful behaviour, I encourage you to report incidents directly to the police.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or if you are able to offer practical support, I would very much welcome hearing from you. One option we are considering is whether a small group of parent volunteers could support the school at key times by being visible outside the gates in high-visibility clothing to help promote safe and respectful behaviour. Please let me know if you could help!

This situation will only improve if we work together. Thank you to the many families who already demonstrate our values and help keep our community safe and respectful.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Van Straaten
Headteacher

