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Dear Parents

With Road Safety Week fast approaching, I am writing to all stakeholders to reflect on how we can improve the parking and drop off arrangements in the mornings and after school outside of school. This is both outside the school gates and within the school car park.

Recently, there has been an increase in the complaints I have received from parents and local residents regarding cars being parked on white lines, children jumping out of cars in the hatched area, cars turning around outside the gates, parents and staff driving too fast past and into the school and the aggressive attitude of drivers on the road in their parking choices.

I appreciate the Wanborough layout is always going to be problematic, although I am hoping this will be less so as we work through the School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ) project which we are currently involved with. Swindon Borough Council have informed us that the preliminary design for a proposed SSEZ is now available to view on the SSEZ web page with the link below.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic management/1147/school safe environment_ zones_ssez/5

These designs are now public and if you have any questions you can email ssez@swindon.gov.uk

I know the vast majority of stakeholders take the upmost care and I would like to thank everybody who tries their best to keep our children safe from harm. I hope the following points to consider will improve the current situation and reduce the risk of an accident in the future.

- Entry to the school is 5mph.
- Parking should not be to the detriment of local residents, or on the white lines. Whilst there are no lines on the houses side of the road opposite the school, we would appreciate everybody parking on the school side.
- Parking or driving which is of a dangerous nature will be reported to the police.
- Please could I ask parents to follow the unofficial one-way system. However, this is not law and other motorists may or may not be aware of what our parents do, but that as it stands is their right and whilst aggressive or dangerous driving is not acceptable the unofficial one-way system is unofficial.
- Please could parents should inform family/friends who occasionally transport, of the local arrangements.
- The school car park is not to be used for parking or dropping off. Those who are allowed to park on the school site must hold a disabled badge or been given special authorisation by the Head.



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Considerations to lower the amount of cars around the school:

- Park in other locations around the village and walk or scoot to school. (Please see the attached Park and Stride leaflet).
- Share lifts on occasions.

Yours sincerely

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