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Dear Parents and Carers

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Re: Serious Threat to Children's Safety

The recent parent questionnaire has highlighted a topic that is of real concern to many parents – the quantity of traffic outside school at the beginning and end of the day and the danger that this traffic poses to the safety of both children and adults. This concern is fully reflected amongst the school staff.

It is a matter of real regret that so many parents still park in Manor Way and Manor Close in order to drop off and pick up their children. If parents are unable to walk their children to school, we continue to urge you most strongly to park in the various roads surrounding school, keeping the road immediately outside our school safe for children.

Not only are parked cars a problem, impeding the pavements and limiting visibility for pedestrians crossing the road, but the speed at which some choose to drive in and out of the road is sometimes nothing less than frightening. We are regularly amazed that people choose to accelerate as they leave Manor Way, quickly reaching speeds which would seriously injure or even kill a child if they were hit. This is completely unacceptable.

Please do not park in Manor Way or Manor Close. If you feel that you really must, then please ensure that:

- You park appropriately - never on or impeding the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the road, or on corners, yellow lines or white zig-zags.
- You drive in and out of the road at a maximum speed of 5 miles an hour – i.e. at a crawling pace.
- You avoid reversing, and never reverse into the top of the school driveway.
- You do not stop in the road, particularly immediately outside the school gates, for children to get in or out of the car as this immediately and seriously impedes the view for those crossing the road.

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As school staff, we do our best to keep children safe but our powers to address dangerous parking and driving are obviously extremely limited. We have asked the local police to visit more regularly and would urge parents to lobby them in a similar way in order to try and secure greater support.

If you have any suggestions that you would like to make regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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