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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to bring to your attention the dangerous and appalling situation that is occurring outside of the two schools in regards to the driving and parking of our parents, which came to a head this morning with a very near miss accident involving your children.

Parents are not only driving too fast on the roads around the school site, that are heavily blocked with parked cars but they are also mounting the pathways to turn, reverse and park. These pavements **should be** a safe space for your children to walk on. It was also brought to my attention today that not only are parents parking and driving in this way but they are also swearing and speaking to each other in such vulgar ways. This is not something that we want the children to hear.

I am sure you will all be aware of the young child that was seriously injured just last week outside of Mill Hill school. Sadly, this morning's driving and complete disregard for each other's safety is an accident like this waiting to happen.

I have contacted the local PCSO and the Havant Council Traffic Enforcement Officer this morning to support us in making our wider school community a safer place to walk. Please can I trust that you will work with us in parking and driving more responsibly, park and stride is not only a safer option but also a healthier and more environmental method of getting to school.

Whilst writing this letter I have received an email from a local resident whose journey to work as an NHS nurse was hampered by parents parking on both sides of the road and blocking traffic. Please can I ask that you also be considerate to our neighbours.

I would also like to remind Beehive parents that, if the school gates are open you are **not permitted** to park on school site unless you have a prior agreement with myself. On Friday members of staff from both schools were blocked in by parents collecting their children from Beehive and football club at the junior school. It is very frustrating for staff to leave work after a very busy day to suddenly find themselves blocked in by an unknown car and then have to try and find the owner. Staff also have to collect their own children from various clubs at the end of the day it is very stressful when they are unable to leave when they need to.

Apologies for starting the second week with such a moan, but I would rather send out this letter than a letter informing you that a child has been hurt. I am sure that you will all understand and I am confident that you will support us in this matter as it is everybody's responsibility to keep everyone safe.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher