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Dear families,

It has been great to see lots of you trying to walk, scoot or cycle to school with the children as much as possible since the start of term. As well as promoting exercise, this has also helped to reduce the traffic flow of cars at pick up and drop off times. Unfortunately, this does become more of a challenge as the weather turns and the light fades and we have had a number of concerns raised by local residents recently. I would like to highlight some of these issues and ask for your support if you do have to use the car to bring your child to school.

After half term, our House Captains, with the support of Parking Enforcement Officers, will be making frequent walks around the community to identify unsafe, inconsiderate and illegal parking.

Issue	Problems this causes
Trying to drop off /pick up on the Sunnyvale Road cul-de-sac in front of the school barrier	This area becomes easily congested with vehicles and pedestrians. It is almost impossible to manoeuvre safely at busy times so please avoid.
Blocking a pavement	Pedestrians / push chairs / wheelchairs are unable to pass without difficulty.
Double parking	The road can be narrowed to the point where access for larger delivery vehicles or emergency vehicles is difficult or impossible.
Reversing backwards for a long distance	The view of the driver is restricted and other road users would not anticipate this manoeuvre.
Using a resident's driveway / pavement to turn	Driving onto the private property of local residents is unfair. Driving on pavements presents a danger to pedestrians.
Blocking a resident's driveway	Local residents are unable to enter or exit their own properties by car.
Parked on the bend of a junction	The view down the road for other road users or pedestrians is restricted and it makes crossing the road awkward / unsafe.



Driving too quickly without care and attention for children during a busy period	Risks to pedestrians and other road users are increased and an accident is more likely to occur.
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We will continue to work closely with local authority parking enforcement officers and the local police to help protect all within our school community. Our Y6 House Captains are very much looking forward to reinforcing this message too – so look out for them as they get campaigning!

Yours sincerely,



Ben Paxman - Headteacher