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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been brought to my attention that parking and driving around Hassell Community Primary School is still causing concern for many people. Parents and carers have witnessed incidents which have endangered the safety of others particularly at the start and end of the school day.

Pedestrians, in particular children, should not have their safety compromised by inconsiderate parking and driving.

In the first instance, please consider whether it is necessary to use your car to make the journey to school. A lot of the parking problems could be alleviated by walking to school, as well as it being a healthier option and better for the environment.

I appreciate that it will be necessary for many to drive to school. For those, please be considerate and follow these rules:

- Do not park on double yellow lines. These markings are often placed in places where parking is considered a hazard. By ignoring these markings you are frustrating and angering other motorists, but also compromising the safety of pedestrians.
- Do not park on the pavement. Preventing a clear line of sight for pedestrians and other road users makes crossing dangerous.
- Do not stop on the crossing or main road at the front of the school. Encouraging your children to 'jump out' and make their way into school is inconsiderate to other road users and also dangerous for the children.
- Think about your speed. We all want to set a good example to the children and encouraged road safety, but sometimes the vast numbers and child's over-excitement means one or two may get away from our sides. Please reduce your speed and think about the safety of others, particularly when leaving the main road and entering the side streets.

If the problem persists, I have no doubt the local authority and Neighbourhood Police Officers will begin to take action and exercise their powers regarding illegal parking and unnecessary obstruction.

I hope you agree it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the safety of others takes precedence over convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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