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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Polite reminder

We write to politely ask that as many parents and carers walk, cycle or scoot with their children to and from school; the less cars on the streets surrounding the school the safer the environment will be for walking, cycling and scooting. Less cars also means more space for social distancing. For those that do need to drop off or collect a child from school by car please park in a way that doesn't cause an inconvenience to others; this may require you to park further away from the school and leave enough time to walk the last part of the journey.

Please do not park your vehicle on any footways or grass verges; this can cause an obstruction to pedestrians in some cases forcing them to walk in the road to get past. A person with a double buggy or a wheelchair user should be able to pass by a parked vehicle on the footway with ease.

Rule 244 of the Highway Code states: *You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.*

Law GL(GP)A sect 15

Rule 145 of the Highway code states: *You **MUST NOT** drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency.*

Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & RTA 1988 sect 34

A vehicle causing an obstruction could receive a fine from the Police, which is not the route we wish to take.

We also politely request that you adhere to any waiting restrictions that are in place, which are enforceable by Civil Enforcement Officers:

- No stopping on the yellow school zig zag markings directly outside of the school during the times stated
- No waiting on any single yellow lines during times shown on nearby time plates or double yellow lines at any time

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Rule 238 of the Highway Code states: *You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone). Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.*

Law RTRA sects 5 & 8

The restrictions are in place to ensure that junctions are kept clear, pedestrians can safely cross the road, and so that the road does not become blocked by parked vehicles. Ignoring the restrictions may cause a road safety risk to yourself and to others.

Please also be aware that if you are parking opposite another vehicle that is already parked on the other side of the road, enough space needs to be left between the two vehicles to allow emergency service vehicles to pass through with ease.

Lastly please do not wait or park across homeowners dropped kerbs blocking access to and from their driveway.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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