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Dear Parent / Guardian of child(ren) at Offenham First School,

We have had several complaints regarding parking around the school at drop off and pick up times. The areas of concern are parking and the speed at which cars are travelling so close to the school.

Please can I remind all parents to use common sense when collecting your children from school? I urge everyone to consider whether they need to drive to the school first and foremost to collect your child and secondly (if you do need to drive to the school); do you need to park close to the school. There are plenty of roads close enough to the school where you can park which will not cause an inconvenience to you or the local residents.

Can I please remind parents of the following:

- **Do not block driveways of homes nearby the school. For parents that decide to park or wait on Cherry Close, this is of particular importance. Cherry Close has barely anywhere to park due to the dropped kerbs so please avoid parking on Cherry Close.**
- **Please do not use the area outside of the school to turn around. This area again, has barely any places to park due to dropped kerbs so please avoid driving down there to turn or park. The zig zags are there for a reason.**
- **Do not park near or on the bend in the road outside the school. This could cause a collision. The bends that are of concern is the bend at the Cherry Close junction and the bend of Myatt road near to the school.**
- **Do not park within 10m of a junction. Again, the areas where this is happening is the junction of Cherry Close/Myatt Road and on the Myatt Road T junction. You may have seen cones placed out in these areas on Tuesday in case you didn't realise where these junctions are.**



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- **Do not park on the pavement. It is simply not safe for children or parents with pushchairs to walk into the road due to cars blocking the pavement.**
- **Please keep your speed down as you approach the school. Realistically 20mph is PLENTY!**

I would like everyone to work together to make Offenham First School safer for the children, as well as the staff and all of the parents. It would be devastating for everyone if a child (or anyone) was to get hurt.

The local policing team will be around the school at either drop off or pick up time moving forward to ensure that we are all doing our bit. We have been doing this at our other local schools and the school and local residents have seen a considerable positive difference in how parents are parking so we hope that this will be mirrored at Offenham.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards

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