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

We have recently received a number of complaints and concerns regarding parking and driving standards in the vicinity of Offenham First School during drop-off and collection times. The main areas of concern include Cherry Close and the roads immediately surrounding the school.

As the new school term has recently begun, we appreciate that some families may be new to the school run routine. We would therefore like to address these concerns at an early stage and remind all parents and guardians of the importance of considerate and safe parking.

We would ask all parents to consider whether it is necessary to drive to the school and, if so, whether it is essential to park directly outside or very close to the school gates. There are several suitable parking locations within a short walking distance that allow children to arrive safely whilst minimising inconvenience to local residents and maintaining road safety.

Please can we remind all parents and guardians of the following:

- Do not block residential driveways. We are aware that Cherry Close is frequently used by parents and carers. If parking in this area, please ensure that driveways remain clear and do not park in the turning circle or across dropped kerbs.
- Do not use the area outside the school as a turning point.
- Do not park opposite the blue school gates where signage indicates "Parking for Emergency Vehicles". This area must remain clear at all times to ensure emergency access and for the safety of all road users.
- Do not park on or close to the bends on Myatt Road, as this restricts visibility and creates unnecessary hazards.
- Do not park on pavements. Vehicles parked on footways force pedestrians, including children and parents with pushchairs, into the road, creating avoidable danger.



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- Approach the school at an appropriate speed and remain vigilant for children and other pedestrians.

We all share a responsibility to ensure that the journey to and from school is as safe as possible. By parking considerately and driving responsibly, we can help protect pupils, parents, staff, residents, and other road users. It would be devastating for the whole community if a preventable collision or injury were to occur.

To support these efforts, members of the local policing team will be conducting periodic patrols during both drop-off and collection times. Similar initiatives at other local schools have resulted in a significant improvement in parking behaviour and road safety, and we hope to achieve the same positive outcome at Offenham First School.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping to create a safer environment for everyone.

Kind regards,

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