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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parking around School

Some of you may be aware that in the past the school has received a very small number of complaints with regards to parking in Strickmere during school drop off and pick up times. As a result we periodically provide advice to parents with regards to parking.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday evening an incident occurred whereby there was a complaint made to parents and the school by one of our local residents over parking and a confrontation took place. As a result of this incident we have engaged with our local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team; they have been made aware of the situation and are trying to find an appropriate solution. We have been advised that if the behaviour of the individual resident continues it may result in formal action being taken.

Clearly as a school we have always been extremely proud of the strong and supportive relationship that we have with our parents and the community. I would emphasise that this is an isolated incident and is not in any way reflective of the positive feedback we regularly receive about the school.

We would like to provide the following advice to help prevent any escalation of the situation. To assist please can we ask parents to:

- Avoid parking in front of any dropped curbs and use laybys where possible
- Ensure that when parking you are not obstructing any other road users or walking or stopping over their driveways/gardens
- If you are subject to any confrontation, please do not engage in any argument or discussion with the individual
- Please notify the school of any such incident as soon as possible and we will inform the local police.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Karen Bilner
Headteacher

