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Dear Parents and carers,

Re: Parking

I write to you requesting your support over an issue that continues to upset the residents of Highfield Road in Winslow. Highfield Road is not the most accessible or largest road and parking is already at a premium for those who live there. We are seeing an increase in parked cars at the end of the school day, collecting students who attend STFS. Residents are finding that their driveways are blocked and are struggling to find a parking space on the street due to the high volume of non-resident cars, largely collecting children from STFS or sixth formers parking their cars there throughout the day. Some cars are parked on pathways which is making access particularly difficult for those using pushchairs, wheelchairs or have difficulty with their mobility.

We are keen to support our local community and not allow our school day to have a negative effect on the residents. I appreciate that many more parents are currently collecting their children as they want to reduce the risk that school or public transport may bring, and I fully understand your reasons for doing so. Please can we ensure that we are being considerate and community minded about where children are collected from. The residents recognise that it is a public highway and cars are free to be there. However, I am asking that we protect our relationships with the residents and help them access their homes and parking more freely. We are keen to maintain our much improved relationship with all members of the community and hope you can help us in doing so. I would also politely like to remind everyone that any verbal confrontations between parents/carers and the local residents still damage the reputation of the school. I am sure that you all appreciate our values of tolerance, empathy and community, and I would appreciate your support in showing these qualities in helping other members of the Winslow community.





It would be fair to say that the above image would frustrate us if it was to happen every day outside our own homes. I know it is difficult as to where children can be collected from, due to our own site restrictions and the volume of cars parked along Buckingham Road and George Pass Avenue, but I hope we can work together and support our local community with this matter.

Best wishes,

Neale Pledger
Headteacher

