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Dear Parents/Carers

PARKING ISSUES

I'm writing to express the schools, local residents and parents concerns about illegal and unsafe parking around school. This is an ongoing problem and we would like your support in addressing it.

Please consider parking away from the school and walking. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious. It is only a matter of time before a parent in a hurry to drop off their child and get on with their day, results in a serious injury or worse. We have a 'drop off' zone where it is easy to 'stop and drop' your children. **This is not for parking in.** It is also not acceptable to park in a 'disabled' space unless you have a blue badge that is for you or a child who is present in your car. Children are increasingly at risk where parents 'double park' in the car park blocking others which results in children getting out of cars in an unsafe area.

We have an area opposite the main entrance demarcated by double yellow lines. We have asked a number of times that cars do not park here. Parking on double yellow lines is illegal. We are in conversation with the local police and will be photographing illegally parked cars and passing this information on to them. You may also receive a warning letter from the school and repeat offences, will result in banning the car from site.

Should you feel a car is parked unsafely, please feel free to email me a photograph at hos@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk and I will forward it to the police on your behalf. Alternatively, you may wish to contact local police directly.

Calling into the school office with a query at the start or end of the school day is not an excuse for you to park illegally in the school grounds.

I would ask, however, that you do not approach a driver directly as altercations outside school are unpleasant and frightening for the children. I am especially disappointed to hear of parents being abusive when confronted by other parents or our school staff. To abuse members of our school staff doing their job trying to keep children safe is unacceptable and will also result in a parent receiving a warning letter and if repeated, being banned from our school site. As adults, we should be providing a role model for the children and we would hope that all parents would value our Christian ethos of respecting others and show children how this is done.

Our only concern is to create a safer environment for the children as they arrive at and leave school. Please help us to be the exception to the rule in Ashford and to create a school where children's safety outside school is a greater priority than convenient parking that puts children's lives at risk. Let us work together to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs S Sullivan

Head of School