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Dear Parent and Carers,

I am unfortunately having to write to you all again about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around school, particularly on Bowness Road.

This morning, a parent reported to me that a car reversed into her buggy whilst she was walking on the pavement. Luckily, the baby was unhurt but this incident could have been extremely serious!

I urge you to refrain from parking inconsiderately on the pavements and on the grass verges. This parking poses a safety risk to our pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users. In addition, the concerns over unsafe parking can be a major barrier to increasing levels of walking and cycling to school - something school actively encourages.

As the mornings and evenings are getting lighter and the weather is getting warmer, to ease this problem I would also encourage parents and pupils to use more sustainable modes of travel to get to school where at all possible. I do understand that some parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school, however I would encourage parents to park away from the school on the Catholic Club carpark and then walk in.

I urge you to consider the safety of all our community and refrain from parking across residents' driveways, as this is an offence, which may result in a Penalty Charge Notice. Please also refrain from parking in the bus stop on Wood Street or using the entrance to the school carpark as a drop off point before reversing onto Wood Street.

Thank you in advance for your support with this important issue and together we can ensure the safety of the pupils, parents and local community is paramount.

Yours sincerely

Ms. S. Geddis
Headteacher



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