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Dear parents

Once again I am having to write to you all regarding parking around the school. This issue is now taking up two hours per week of my time, answering emails from irate residents, being blamed for inconsiderate and dangerous driving and writing letters which are seemingly being ignored.

This has to stop and improve now.

The time taken to deal with this issue should be spent on working with children, developing our curriculum and improving our school. It concerns me deeply that I am having to send such a strongly worded letter, which is not my nature, because of the irresponsible actions of some of our parents.

This morning has been a classic example of this. The heavy rain meant that there has been more traffic than usual. Fair enough – it was torrential. However, I fail to see why the rules of the road have clearly been ignored once again. Parking on corners outside school is illegal, blocks views and is exceptionally dangerous. I do not know how your conscience would be affected should your actions result in a child being knocked over and critically injured or worse.

Think about that before you take the simplest option because it's wet or you're running late. You would not park there (on a corner) at the weekend. Why is it any different before or after school? It quite simply isn't.

I have also been informed that there have been numerous instances of inappropriate language and behaviour between parents when 'discussing' parking around our school. Think of this – what sort of role models would do that? Children (even if not your own) will copy your actions or words, which then leads them to get into trouble at school. This then leads to sanctions being put in place. As adults, we should know better.

Finally, do not use the area outside the school gates as a turning circle. This is a continuation of the pavement in effect and common sense should tell you not to use it to reverse into when children are crossing.

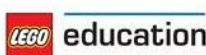
This situation cannot go on. We are all responsible. It must improve from now on.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Smith
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