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Dangerous Driving and Parking

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to you separately from our usual newsletter and asking for your support. I am speaking to a minority, not the majority but I have to address this to all parents because so many of you have quite rightly raised your concerns to me about this.

We have now had two incidents already this week of dangerous driving around the entrances of the school. Both incidents caused children in our school to be at risk. One occasion was due to a driver having to navigate cars that have been parked irresponsibly near the school gate for drop-off.

Another occasion was a speeding driver, narrowly missing one of our pupils. It is absolutely clear that these incidents were caused by members of our own school community: the dangerous driving and the irresponsible parking. Children walking on their own can suddenly appear from behind a parked vehicle and we all want our children to be safe.

There are very few of our parents who need to park near or on site due to a disability and these parents are always responsible.

According to Highway Code Rule 243, DO NOT park near a school entrance — as well as anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services, at or near a bus stop, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, over a dropped kerb, and in front of an entrance to a property.

I would urge you to start reporting the registrations of drivers behaving dangerously to Sussex Police via this link: <https://www.sussex.police.uk>

Yours Sincerely,

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