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Traffic Issues

Dear Parents & Carers

I am writing with regard to the health and safety of all our pupils at Diamond Wood Community Academy. We are getting increasingly concerned about parking and traffic at the start and end of our school day. Unfortunately, there has been an increasing number of parents who are parking far too close to the entrances, on the pavements, or acting inconsiderately with their motor vehicles, placing children and adults in danger.

Following complaints from a number of parents, I would like to remind you that it is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to school for **everyone**. We can do this in a number of ways. Firstly, please consider whether you really need to use your car to make the journey to school at all, not only is walking a healthier option and better for the environment, it also helps to alleviate some of the problems we are currently facing at our entrance points.

If you do need to drive, **please be considerate** to others and ensure you follow these parking rules for collection and drop off:

- **Cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag "School Keep Clear" markings.** These markings are to prevent vehicles from stopping or parking specifically outside the entrances of the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians.
- **Cars should not be parked on pathways** during drop-off and collection times. Please consider the safety of young children and parents with pushchairs who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past.
- A large number of children and parents need to cross the road to get to and from our school entrances. Can I please remind drivers about **keeping to a low speed**; the speed limit is 20 mph around our main school entrances.

I am sure we are all in agreement; the safety of all our children must continue to be our primary responsibility.

Yours sincerely

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