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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have noticed that we have had the new coded barrier fixed to the staff car park. I do hope that this barrier is not vandalised again. Last time, the vandalism happened the weekend after it was installed! This repair has obviously cost the school valuable money and we do not want to have to do this again. If you do see anyone 'tampering' with the barrier; please do not endanger yourself by tackling the vandals, but instead, please contact the police who will then be able to follow this up. It is helpful for us to also know that it has been reported.

The barrier is in place to enhance the ongoing safety of our children, by ensuring that there is less traffic movement in this area, particularly when our children, including our bus children, are arriving and leaving for the school day.

Ensure you walk on the pathways, not through the staff car park; this then models safe road sense to our children.

Please do not ask staff for the code to the barrier, this puts them and you, in an embarrassing position, when they say no. The staff will be keeping the code private to ensure that there is always space for them to park and as explained above to ensure the ongoing safety of our children.

Do not attempt to try and follow staff cars into the car park. This is dangerous and staff will be stopping their car once through the barrier to ensure that no one can follow staff through into the car park.

We have already had parents driving across the grass to access the staff car park. This is unacceptable and has been noted. If this continues we will have no other option but to install posts to prevent this. Again, this will be a further unnecessary cost to the school. However, one which we will have to incur to safeguard our children if this continues. Additional posts will not be needed if parents stop driving over the kerbs and grass to access the staff car park. There is no reason for parents to be parking in the staff car park.

**We will not accept liability for any damage caused through unauthorised use of the staff car park.**

The main public car park allows for free parking, for a limited time, at drop off and collection times (see the signs in the public car park for exact timings).

If you are **volunteering in the school**, we have a small number of permits which we can provide to ensure that you do not have to pay to park for extended times in the public car park.

As an alternative, **if you are a regular volunteer**, we can also offer you a space in the larger, College car park. If parking in the College car park, we can then allow you access to our school from the delivery entrance on Love Lane.

Respect the disabled bays in the public car park and only park in them if you are authorised to do so. Signage in the public car park should explain this, but the usual requirement is a blue badge/permit from the disability scheme.

We hope you will appreciate the staff have waited a long time for the barrier to be replaced and unfortunately, in that time, we have again had staff cars damaged due to unauthorised parking. We therefore, appreciate your support and respect in ensuring that the car park remains as safe as possible for our children and staff.

Kind regards

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Headteacher