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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **Driving / Parking outside School**

There have been a number of incidents reported to me recently from both parents and residents in which each essentially blames the other for poor driving, parking and/or behaviour.

I am aware that emotions are running high and exchanges are becoming increasingly aggressive and this in itself is very sadly affecting the school's reputation as it is attracting negative media attention for behaviour over which the school has no control.

The main concern of my school and all my staff inside the school grounds is to keep all of your children safe and to provide them with a rounded education. I have no remit outside the school grounds other than to take the steps I can to ensure children come to and leave school safely. This is why the barrier to the school grounds is locked down at the beginning and end of the day, pupils know they must get off cycles or scooters at the gate and you are all asked to walk round the pedestrian path and not across the vehicle access.

I have been in touch with PC Matthew Stonier who has asked me to pass on the following message;

***"As the local Police Officer for Nantwich Town Centre I am well aware of the parking issues that are occurring in and around Western Avenue. I am conscious that on the whole this is an issue that won't go away overnight and requires a certain amount of compromise between parents and residents."***



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*What I would ask is that if you witness a vehicle parked dangerously or have an altercation with a resident then you bring this to my attention and not the school's.*

*I am in regular contact with Mrs Price and should there be anything that the school can assist with I will raise it with her.*

*The school has no powers to police the highway and I am sure you would agree that any time spent dealing with this is time spent away from improving your child's education.*

*All I would ask is that when dropping your child at school remember not to cause any obstruction and to be courteous to residents.*

*Although there are stretches of the carriageway without restrictions this doesn't mean that pavements can be blocked and bends parked on."*

PC Stonier can be reached on [matthew.stonier@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.stonier@cheshire.pnn.police.uk).

I appreciate there are many circumstances in which people are unable to walk children to school on a regular basis and do need to come in a car. There are however 161 families in school so not everyone can park in the immediate vicinity.

Now that spring is on the horizon I would ask parents to consider whether it is necessary to bring a car to school at both ends of the day and if it is to perhaps park a little further away to relieve the congestion.

In conclusion I can only add my voice to that of PC Stonier in urging you all to be polite to residents, to drive as if your own children were the pedestrians and to park as you would like someone to park outside your home.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Gill Price**  
**Headteacher**