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Principal: Mr. David Scales



Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to you as, regrettably, we have had complaints about the conduct of a small number of parents at the start and end of the school day from local residents.

We know that the vast majority of you are being very respectful to residents and that your children are doing the same, and I would very much like to thank you for keeping the area around our school quiet and clean.

Residents are telling us that a minority are parking on double yellow lines, idling engines, sitting on their walls, smoking, blocking exits to their properties, littering and driving dangerously. They have asked us to appeal to this minority of parents/carers and ask politely that all of you are mindful of your surroundings and make sure that you are not standing or parking directly in front of residential entrances, and that litter is disposed of properly so that we maintain a clean environment.

I would also remind you that we encourage scholars to walk or cycle to and from school. The council have invested in cycle lanes and we have spent considerable amounts of money on secure bicycle storage. We would ask that cars do not wait directly outside the school gate and would ask that any pick ups or drop offs occur away from school. This would support local residents who need to enter and leave their properties regularly and help keep your children safe.

Since I last wrote to you on this issue, we have been able to get a 20mph speed limit, extended 'Keep Clear' zigzag lines outside our two entrances, extended double yellow lines and a fixed penalty notice camera location to ensure that these are adhered to. Our road safety group in school has advocated for this and won funding and prizes from the local authority for their efforts which we are very thankful for.

I would like to thank those of you that are showing this sense of duty and building respectful communities in Balby and Hexthorpe.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D. Scales

Principal

