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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very sorry to be writing this letter so recently after my expression of concern in the newsletter (28<sup>th</sup> January 2010).

We have a major problem building up with parking around the school. There are now regular, valid, complaints from neighbours about the situation. As a whole school community we must take on board these issues and respond appropriately.

We have been told of 'the inconsiderate and downright dangerous parking in Castle Road and Lansdown Road' which I myself have seen and commented on.

Parking by parents on grass verges in Castle road is now blocking the route for all traffic larger than a small car. As a result coaches picking up or returning children to school have not been able to get through and the public bus was delayed for 10 minutes yesterday. Neighbours have been trapped in their driveways or not able to turn into their driveway / garage because of the lack of width.

There have been several situations where neighbours have been unable to leave or return to their homes between 3 – 3.30pm because people have parked across their driveways. It can never be acceptable that any parent/carer has the right to subject the local community to this situation simply because you need to pick up your child. There is potential for one of these situations to get out of hand and that is something we would wish to avoid absolutely.

The most important point I would make is that this behaviour is actually putting at risk all of the children in our school. It is those moments when things happen out of the norm that accidents occur. The unpredictable nature of traffic jams is exactly such a situation.

I am appealing to all parents to park in a considerate manner. We all understand the lack of spaces and the difficulties of access. We have tried to get measures put in place by the local authority that will make access safer and easier. As yet we have not been successful in altering the situation but we will continue to work on it. However, whilst we aim to do this, common sense must prevail.

- Avoid parking directly outside school. It is a short walk from the Star or Community Centre car parks. If you are a bit behind we would rather you

parked sensibly and got to the classroom a few minutes late. Your children are safe within school.

- Do not park in Lansdown Road unless there is a proper space.
- Do not park over driveways even by a few centimetres. Our neighbours deserve respect.
- Do not park illegally in any way. The Community Police officer will be around the area in the next few weeks to check on the situation. We will also be making a note of cars parking in a thoughtless way and printing the registration number in the newsletter if necessary.
- Use the crossing patrol point for crossing. Do not cross the car park entrance to get to and from cars.
- If you live in the village, please think about how you can get your child to school without a vehicle. Nowhere is so far away to make the walk unmanageable.
- If you live outside of the village and have to travel by car please aim to time it so that you are able to park in the village and walk to the school. By the time you have escaped the melee outside school it would often be quicker to have parked elsewhere.

We owe it to our community to take responsibility for such issues and I am asking you all to take your part in that responsibility. We will continue to look for solutions with the help of the children, the local police and neighbours and in the meantime I hope I can rely on your support.

Yours sincerely,

David Forrester