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Parking

Dear Parents / Carers

Many of you will have seen me this morning standing on the corner of Larchwood Gardens and Hazlewood Gardens to prevent people from parking on the double yellow lines. I was there from 8:20am until the bell went at 8:40am and it was remarkably clear. Sadly, I did still have to speak to a couple of parents about their parking.

Just over a week ago parking enforcement officers were outside the school at the end of the school day and were issuing tickets to parents who had parked on the double and single yellow lines. The road was very clear. However, they did report to me that a couple of parents were abusive to them.

Since we have been back I have also had several emails from local residents about how parents seem to think it is acceptable to park across drives and even worse, park on people's drives. When challenged about these instances parents have been abusive to the residents.

The yellow lines are there to make it safe to cross the road and when people park further away it is much safer for everyone. The example that parents are setting their children by parking irresponsibly and in the very rare cases being abusive when challenged is not acceptable.

I am pleased that the vast majority of you are very happy to see the parking enforcement officers and myself out there, but we shouldn't have to be doing this and I should not have to keep reminding parents about parking. Everyone knows the rules.

One of our school values is responsibility; thank you to all of you that demonstrate this value every day.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

