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RE: The Parish car park, parking on Barks Drive and parking around school

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, we have had a number of local resident and parental complaints with regards to parking on Church car park, on Barks Drive and around the school. I urge you to use the Parish car park and other parking areas with care and respect for others. **Please do not park on the double yellow lines or the yellow lines by the school gates.** They are there because it isn't a safe place to park and to allow for emergency access at all times. I also ask you to ensure that you only use the disabled bay if you have a blue badge. Please do not use this bay because there are no other available spaces on the car park.

On Barks Drive and other areas around the school, please do not park on grass verges, on double yellow lines, on the curbs or anywhere else that could put the safety of other road users, pedestrians or our children at serious risk.

Where possible, we would encourage you to walk to school with your children. The parking facility at Ford Green nature reserve has ample safe spaces for parking and is only a very short walking distance from the school.

We have taken advice from Staffordshire Police. They will be sending out local officers to monitor the area to ensure that everyone is parking safely and legally; they have also contacted parking enforcement.

Attached to this letter is the school code of conduct. I ask you to please respect parents, children and the community when issues are raised by following the school's code of conduct.

Should you have any further questions regarding parking, please contact myself or Mrs Statham.

Thank you for cooperation and patience.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rathbone

Principal

