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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as I am becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of the roads surrounding our school.

Whilst the majority of our parents and wider community are careful and respectful in the way that they drive and park around the school, unfortunately this is not the case for all, and just one moment of irresponsible driving or parking is enough to endanger a child's life. It is extremely important that, as a community, we take immediate action to ensure that our roads are safe for our children when they are travelling to and from school.

Additionally, I have received some concerns from neighbours regarding driveways being blocked and cars being damaged due to irresponsible driving and parking around school drop off and collection times. Not only irritating (or even costly) for our neighbours, this is also not reflective of the St Martin's value of respect.

I would like to remind all parents of the following expectations:

- Do not park on or stop on the zig zag lines outside of the school between the hours of 08:30-09:30 and 14:30-16:00. This is prohibited and could endanger our pupils. You will be asked to move on if witnessed doing this.
- Do not block or partially block neighbouring driveways.
- Although the speed limit is set at 30mph, I'm sure you would agree that this is far too fast to be safe at busy times. We would also urge you to consider travelling at 20mph and remind you that travelling above the speed limit is both dangerous and against the law.

We are working closely with our neighbours, and have also reported our concerns to KCC, as we feel this is a real priority in the community, and one that needs addressing promptly.

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Furthermore, we are delivering some additional sessions to children surrounding road safety to ensure that they are aware of potential dangers and ways that they can keep themselves safe. We will continue to work with parents on this front: please continue to raise any concerns should you see any unsafe behaviour from our pupils, as this has helped us address concerns swiftly with those parents and children concerned.

Many thanks for your understanding and support to ensure the safety of all of our pupils. Should you have any further concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



Mrs Helen Thompson

Headteacher

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