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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Dropping off and collecting students by car

Assalamu alaikom

I am writing to remind parents of the need to park in a considerate manner when dropping off and picking up their children from MMPS and MIGSG. As you will appreciate, we aim to foster good relationships with our neighbours and parking at the start and end of the school day remains an issue that causes concern to local residents and other road users. Unfortunately we have had a number of complaints recently about inconsiderate parking and we respectfully request that parents and others picking up students make sure they do not cause any danger or inconvenience to others when parking up.

We have had complaints about the following issues:

- Parking across people's driveways
- Parking on the pavement
- Driving dangerously on to the pavement, without regard for pedestrians
- Parking on double yellow lines or on the zigzag white lines on either side of the pelican crossing
- Leaving the engine running whilst waiting for children to come out of school – it is well documented that this practice is detrimental to health, especially for young children being pushed in buggies, who absorb a lot of the fumes as their faces are lower down and therefore in closest proximity to the exhaust pipes

Please help us to improve relations with our neighbours, who are in constant communication with the council about this, by refraining from any of the above. We are particularly concerned about inconsiderate parking on the side streets, notably Northern Grove and The Beeches.

Blue Badge Holders

Blue badge holders are entitled to park on double yellow lines, but only where this is safe and does not cause an obstruction. The government advice booklet "The Blue Badge Rights and Responsibility Booklet" states the following:

You should not use the badge to allow non-disabled people to take advantage of the benefits while you sit in the car.





This means that unless the child walking from school to the car is disabled, you should not park on double yellow lines or anywhere else that would be denied to other road users. If your child does not have a disability, please do not park on double yellow lines.

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. ... Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking include the following, although there are others:

- *school entrances, bus stops, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge*
- *parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space*
- *where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks*
- *where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances*
- *where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out, such as hospital entrances*
- *where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users*
- *on a pavement, unless signs permit it*

In light of the above, please do not park on Burton Road within 10 metres of the junction with Barlow Moor Road, on the school entrance, near the pelican crossing, or on the pavement.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We are counting on your understanding and support in assisting us to alleviate the concerns of our neighbours. The local police and the council have been working with us to help sort out these problems, and our staff will respectfully ask you to move on if your parking causes any of the obstructions outlined in this letter.

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MMPS and MIGSG Senior Leadership Team

