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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Dropping off and collecting students by car

Assalamu alaikom

Following our last letter sent at the beginning of March, we are sorry to have to be writing again about the need to drive and park in a considerate manner when dropping off and picking up children from MMPS and MIGSG. As mentioned in previous correspondence, 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.

We offer our sincere thanks to the vast majority of parents/carers who have responded to our previous appeals and who avoid stopping on double yellow lines, across driveways or blocking pavements, etc. Unfortunately, however, we have received further serious complaints from local residents and we must bring these to your attention.

A distressed mother phoned the school on Friday 19 April to complain that a car had narrowly missed running into her and her young children as it drove off. She was extremely upset and this incident sadly created in her eyes the impression that our school community does not care about its neighbours. She also complained about inconsiderate parking on her street, Walsingham Avenue, which is located just behind the Mosque.

On Monday 22 April MMPS had a phone call from another local resident, an expectant mother 38 weeks pregnant, whose drive was blocked by a parent with the result that she was unable to leave to attend a medical appointment. She was very distressed and concerned that in an emergency she would not have been able to leave.

As you know, following numerous complaints to the council, we have been working with the police and council representatives to try to make the area around our schools as safe as possible for all – our students, local residents,





pedestrians and all other road users. At a cost to themselves of £1,800, the council has provided us with “little people bollards”, designed specifically to represent our school community.

The idea is that all road users will see these as children who could be injured (or worse) by inconsiderate driving, including inappropriate parking which makes it more difficult for young people to cross the roads safely. These have been stationed at various points outside school since the start of this term, to urge drivers not to park in any of these areas. Unfortunately one of these has already been badly damaged by a car driving over it, and we have also observed drivers squeezing into spaces between these bollards.

We respectfully request that parents avoid stopping in any of the areas where these bollards are situated, as well as any other prohibited areas, such as double yellow lines, and make sure they do not cause any danger or inconvenience to others when parking up.

Thank you once again for your cooperation in this matter.

We are counting on your understanding and support in assisting us to alleviate the concerns of our neighbours and hope that we will not receive any further complaints of the nature outlined above.

Wassalam

MMPS and MIGSG Senior Leadership Team

