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Dear Parents/Carers

Parking

Sadly, we continue to be informed of incidents of dangerous and inconsiderate parking by parents/carers, both in the morning at drop off time and also at the end of the school day. We are concerned about the safety of children attending Blean School and also children attending the Oaks Nursery.

We are very fortunate that the University of Kent allows our parents to park in their car park but if parents continue to demonstrate driving that is hazardous this privilege cannot be guaranteed.

Please consider the following:

1. Leave home in plenty of time at the beginning of the school day and when picking up at the end of the day to allow time to find a parking space.
2. **Park considerably in marked parking bays and do not obstruct the entrance to the Oaks Nursery.**
3. If the University pay and display car park at the rear of the school is full the University allows parents to park in the Sports Pavilion pay & display car park. **PLEASE DO NOT** park on the road or pavement.
4. Adhere to speed limits, particularly in the University Car Park, as speeding poses a risk for both Blean children and nursery children who are walking in this vicinity.
5. Do not park on the School Keep Clear Markings (yellow zig zag lines) as these are there to keep the school entrance clear, improve visibility and increase safety for pedestrians and drivers.
6. Please ensure that you park in the **clearly marked bays only** in the layby at the front of the school
7. Avoid blocking driveways, including the school car park entrances, or double parking so that the road becomes too narrow as this is inconsiderate to both other drivers and residents.
8. Consider walking to school – a healthy option for parents and children or walking part of the way from the Church along the Crab and Winkle way or from the Blean Tavern (who also allow parents to park at drop off and pick up times).

We have also received specific issues from a concerned parent:

Parking in the University Car park:

1. Double parked cars block in parents who have arrived early enough to secure a legitimate parking space sometimes resulting in children arriving late for other activities.
2. Safety is compromised when manoeuvring around the parked car.
3. Parking on the pavement in Park Wood Road, leading up to the car park is **not** permitted and puts the safety of those walking at risk.

May we remind you that the University kindly allow us to use this facility but they can withdraw this offer at any time.

We **all** have a responsibility to drive safely and park considerately, as the majority of our parents do.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Foster
Headteacher