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Driving and Parking at Rooksdown

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

As a school, we have little ability to affect what goes on outside of our gates, but we appeal to you for your consideration of others when you are driving and parking in and around the school. We have already written to you recently about some road traffic near misses and, unfortunately, this is a trend that is increasing as we see more traffic on the surrounding roads. We really want to keep our children safe and avoid a near miss becoming an accident that could have been avoided.

We recently received a letter from the residents of Dunwood Close about the increasing number of CHPS parents who are parking inconsiderately in their cul-de-sac. Some cars are being parked on residents' driveways, or in a way that is blocking residents in, meaning that they have been unable to get to work or attend appointments. We have also been made aware of parents who have been verbally unpleasant when asked to move their cars. There are a number of disabled and elderly residents in this close who need accessibility for medical reasons.

We do understand that parking is limited during drop off and pick up times and that this can lead to frustration. Unfortunately, the school car park is for staff only so please do not tailgate if the gates are open. Please treat our neighbours with respect and in a manner that you yourself would expect to be treated. The weather is improving and with many families living close to the school, we ask that, where possible, you either walk your child/ren to school. If you do have to drive, please ensure you are not causing an obstruction or parking illegally.

Thank you to the majority of our parents who consistently support the school's 'walk to school philosophy' - this helps with everyone's safety and the environment. We understand this is not an option for everyone, but hopefully we can work together in the spirit of partnership with our neighbours.

Kind regards

The CHPS Team