

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today regarding an urgent and increasingly serious matter concerning parking and driving behavior around the school gates, particularly during drop-off and collection times.

While I know that the vast majority of our school community acts with care and consideration, we have received formal complaints from local residents regarding dangerous and, in some cases, illegal behavior by a minority of drivers.

Urgent Safeguarding and Accessibility Concerns

It has been reported that parents are frequently parking in designated disabled bays belonging to our neighbors. This is not only a violation of traffic laws but is also deeply disrespectful and discriminatory toward residents who rely on these spaces for their mobility.

Parking or stopping on yellow lines directly outside the school creates dangerous blind spots for children attempting to cross the road. Dropping students off in the middle of the road or "double-parking" is reckless and puts lives at risk.

We have received reports of aggressive language and confrontational behavior toward residents when challenged about parking. As a school, we promote respect and kindness; this behavior by adults in our community sets a poor example for our students and will not be tolerated.

To ensure the safety of our students and the peace of our neighborhood, the school is taking the following steps:

We have notified our local police liaison and requested increased patrols and enforcement around the school site.

School staff will be monitoring the area more frequently. We have been provided with photographic evidence and registration numbers of repeat offenders, and these will be passed to the relevant authorities for formal intervention.

Our Request to You

We strongly encourage you to walk, cycle, or use public transport where possible. If you must drive, please:

Park further away from the school gates in a legal parking space and walk the final distance.

Never park in a disabled bay unless you are a Blue Badge holder.

Never stop on yellow lines or in the middle of the flow of traffic.

Our priority is to ensure that every child arrives at and leaves school safely. We ask for your full cooperation in being a "good neighbor" and a responsible member of the Little Ilford community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Finn
Headteacher