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Dear parents,

Following several inspections, it has been found that there is an issue with parking and/or speeding at the school your child attends. We would like to ask for your cooperation in this matter and that, as a parent, you do everything you can to maximise child safety and reduce the speeding, parking and congestion issues that occur at dropping off/picking up time.

We would like to politely remind you of the regulations set out in the Highway Code, which is available for free at:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code>

Please pay special attention to Rules 238-244 in this section:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>

In particular:

Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space

- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities **except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

These regulations are enforceable *if deemed dangerous*, with varying penalties.

Working in partnership, North Somerset Council and Avon and Somerset Constabulary would like to ask parents to be as considerate as possible when dropping off or picking up their children from school. This should include:

Keeping speed to an absolute minimum

Parking in a sensible, considerate space

Not blocking resident's driveways

Not entering resident's drives/lawn areas

Not driving if you live nearby

Not stopping on zig-zags (3 point penalty)

We would also advocate **lift-sharing** wherever possible to ease traffic, parking and congestion issues. During the winter, when people are less happy to walk, it is increasingly important that we have measures in place to protect children at peak times. We would like everyone to do their part.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

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