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### PARKING CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Dear Parent/Carers,

Once again I am having to request that you drive and park in neighbouring streets with consideration when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

I am receiving complaints on a regular basis about the issues being faced by residents and pedestrians and we all have a concern that one day an accident may happen, especially as the school continues to grow, and many of you need to drive to get here.

As you know, in an attempt to alleviate these problems we have trialled the use of a Walking Bus and we also organised for parents to use the parking facilities at both The Southcote Beefeater and St Matthews Church but sadly take up of all of these initiatives has been limited.

The gate on Shepley Drive has helped to reduce some of the issues that have been faced by Silchester Road residents over a number of years and it has clear benefits for those families that walk to school from that direction. Sadly though, I am getting reports of parents blocking driveways and garages and parking on the kerbside which is upsetting residents. I am asking all parents to park considerately with immediate effect.

Various members of staff are positioned on the gates each day, encouraging people not to park inappropriately and to ensure the safety of all pedestrians. These members of staff regularly face verbal abuse. We have called upon support from Parking Wardens and PCSO's and agree entirely with the use of the CCTV traffic van which is often in the area. Residents are advised to contact the necessary authorities if they have concerns the wish to report.

The Governing Body are fully aware of the issues being faced by both local residents and the school. They are all equally as keen as I am that we reach an appropriate resolution as soon as possible and that the school's relationship with local residents is not negatively affected.

I hope this letter helps to ensure that the school doesn't gain a poor reputation with our neighbours and I look forward to your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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