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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parking at Drop Off and Collection Times

From Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October we will be launching our "Park Safe" campaign in school. You will notice banners, stickers and flyers being distributed as we ask parents and carers to be considerate of the local residents and children, when dropping off and picking up their children at school. This continues to be a great area of concern to local residents and many parents.

We are working with the Birmingham City Council, the police, residents, parents and staff to create a safe and considerate environment for everyone outside our school gates. Our older Eco council members will be patrolling with senior staff in the morning to remind you to park safely and considerately. We will at some point before the end of term receive support from our local parking enforcement team which will involve ticketing illegally parked vehicles, even those that park illegally for a few moments so please be aware.

## Please remember:

- Parking across drives, even for a few minutes, can cause great frustration and distress;
- Parking on the pavement can be very dangerous as vehicles moving on the pavement are a hazard, especially for small children, as is forcing pedestrians to step into the road to get around a parked vehicle;
- Parking on the pavement makes it very difficult for people with buggies or disabilities;
- Parking on corners prevents a clear view for those crossing the road;
- Parking, waiting or stopping to let passengers out on the Zig Zag lines is illegal outside school between 8am and 5pm;
- Parking, waiting, stopping or tuning in the staff carpark is dangerous so many people constantly crossing the park entrance;
- Parking, waiting or stopping to let passengers out on the school crossing patrol is illegal; and
- Parking in such a way as to prevent emergency vehicle access could be life threatening.
- All of the above apply to taxi's used for drop-off and collection during this time too.

We realise that parking directly around school is limited, which is the case for all schools. However, there is plenty of parking available in roads close-by, which will result in no more than a 5 minute walk to school. Please see the attached map for ideas of places you can park safely with a very short walk to school.

Over the next term we, with the city council, will run Scootability and Bikeability programmes at school. There is currently one walking bus in operation, which saves parents time. If you are interested in joining it or starting your own, please let us know.

Walking, scooting or cycling to school is a great way for you and your children to become healthier and can positively contribute to a child's development and better academic performance.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who park considerately or travel to school sustainably.

Many Thanks

Mrs Pennington & The Academy Council









