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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are currently receiving a number of complaints from local residents and parents regarding the parking of vehicles outside Ecton Brook Primary School. The complaints consist mainly of vehicles being parked on the pavement, double parking making the road so narrow that two vehicles cannot pass through, parking vehicles in such a way to block access to driveways, drivers performing a U turn so that they can pick up their child closer to the school, and parking vehicles on yellow zig zag lines when the school opens and closes.

Have you ever arrived late for drop off / pick up times?

Driving too fast, in a hurried and stressed state, desperately looking for a place to park is a sure way to end up having a crash or knocking someone down. By giving yourself more time, parking a little further away from school and walking the last part of your journey you will feel less stressed and will help create a safer environment around school at the all-important drop off and pick up times.

Northamptonshire police force is committed to reducing the number of casualties and road traffic collisions on our roads. We are working with the local community and Ecton Brook primary school to reduce the number of cars being parked outside the school and those causing an unnecessary and wilful obstruction.

Parking your vehicle legally and considerately will directly contribute to saving lives and improve the quality of life for people within the area.

The local community and police ask that parents and guardians who park their vehicles outside the school to bring and collect their children comply with the parking regulations in the area. I'm sure you can appreciate the safety of children is paramount. Children will occasionally run out into the road without looking. This could be **YOUR** child. We ask that parents understand the implications of parking dangerously and discourteously outside schools and the police require that you always park legally and in a considerate manner.

Yours sincerely,

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