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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying thank you to all those who are walking to school, cycling or scooting. It certainly has felt like there has been an increase in our families travelling using these methods!

That said, we have received strong complaints from the residents regarding irresponsible driving and thoughtless parking since the colder weather set in along with an increase in cars idling. All of this is reported to be the case more specifically at the far end of the street towards the junction of Archibald Street and Regent Road.

Please can we all continue to make a conscious effort to use the healthier and more environmentally friendly means of travel to school as we go forwards. Lots of layers and a brisk walk to start and end the school day!

It is often tempting to jump into the car when it is wet and cold and I observed this today as regrettably there was a notable increase in cars. Today I witnessed:

- Two near crashes
- Children being dropped off on the zig zag lines
- Cars mounting the pavement to pass
- Drives being blocked
- Cars travelling at speed
- Vehicles reversing without checking behind them

Sadly, after responding to the residents to advocate for our school and our families; today did reiterate the complaints being made.

At Archibald, we have a strong focus on actively arriving to school without the car, frequently ask you, our parents, to drive and park responsibly, and we regularly remind you not to idle your cars due to the environmental AND health risks associated with this. The vast majority of our school community live within 0.5 miles of school which is only approximately a 12-minute walk to school?

Whilst asking for your support, please can I also remind you that other than exiting from the school car park between 8.45 and 9.00 / 2.45 and 3.15 no-one should be accessing the school car park. Young children should not be left to move around the car park under any circumstance for their own safety. All movement through the carpark should be supervised.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

R Turner

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