



# Lawn Primary & Nursery School

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## **Ongoing concerns around parking**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today with deep concern regarding the ongoing issues surrounding drop-off and pick-up times at our school. Despite previous reminders and requests for cooperation, there have been an increasing number of incidents where the safety of our children, families, and local residents is being compromised by dangerous driving and inappropriate parking.

We have witnessed cars being parked on zig-zag lines, double yellow lines, and even mounting pavements. Some vehicles have been turning dangerously in front of the school gates, often while families are still in the road. These behaviours are unacceptable and pose serious risks, particularly to the children in our community. I cannot stress enough how close we have come to potential accidents, and we must act before something tragic occurs.

In addition to the safety concerns, I want to remind everyone of the need to show respect to our local residents. Many have reported being inconvenienced by blocked driveways and inconsiderate parking. We must be mindful that we are part of a larger community and need to show consideration to those around us.

We do appreciate that the weather has not been typical for a September, and this may have made travel more difficult for some. However, we kindly ask that everyone plan for these conditions by allowing extra time for your journeys. Rushing or trying to park in unsafe places puts everyone at risk. Please ensure that your travel plans prioritise safety and respect for the rules in place.

As I mentioned in our recent newsletter, we all share responsibility for ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone at the school. I have been in contact with both the Parking Enforcement Team at Swindon Borough Council and the Police, who will be supporting us in addressing these issues. If there is no improvement we may need to record registration numbers of vehicles involved in unsafe or illegal parking, and these details will be passed on to the relevant authorities.

I know this is not only a concern from us and residents, but many families of the school too who have raised concerns. Please take this matter seriously. I urge all parents and carers to consider alternative parking arrangements, walk where possible, and follow the guidelines to keep our school environment safe for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can ensure that our children are safe and that we maintain good relationships with our community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lindsay Wood  
**Headteacher**

