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SAFE DRIVING & PARKING NEAR THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Dear Parent/Carer,

School staff are observing some unsafe and inconsiderate driving close to the school entrance. We have also had complaints from a number of parents/carers who are walking their children into school and local residents.

The main areas of concern are:

- Driving up Ardrossan, often too fast, and turning round so that children can be dropped as close to the main school gates as possible. The areas next to both the main gates and side gate are '**no stopping zones**' so cars **MUST NOT** stop here. The area opposite the main gates is also a '**no unloading area**'. For safety reasons, these areas must be kept clear and uncongested for parents/carers and children coming into the entrances on foot. If you do stop in these areas to let your child get out of your car, you are putting others at risk.
- Driving on the wrong side of the road when coming down Ardrossan and around the corner- this is usually to drive around cars who are parked in the no stopping/unloading areas. Often these drivers have been going too fast also and without care.
- Parking on pavements, forcing pedestrians into the road
- Blocking the drives of residents/restricting access to properties

Could we ask that parents/carers avoid coming into Ardrossan altogether, park in the side roads near school and take a few minutes to walk their child into the school entrances, rather than attempting to drop children right outside school in cars? We are extremely concerned that if this issue is not addressed, there is likely to be a serious accident. Please be aware that we are monitoring these areas very closely at the moment. We will update you in a few weeks about a hopefully improved situation.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher



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