St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

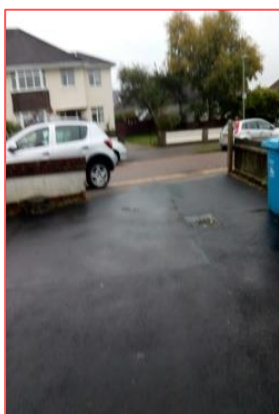This week has begun with an email from one of our school neighbours.

It is becoming very embarrassing for us as a school trying to find and make excuses for the actions of our parents. Our neighbour is keen to put our school and our parents in the Bournemouth Echo similar to the article below.

https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/17966209.police-called-poole-school-heads-safety-concerns-bad-driving/?ref=erec **Police called to Poole school over head's safety concerns about bad driving**

I really do not want this to happen and to be honest I don't think you do either. So, I am writing to you all and **pleading with you not to drive up and park on Devon Road**.

Today our neighbour brought in photographs from Devon Road, showing that our parents are not abiding to the parking rules as laid down by the local authority and the police. Here are the photos that he sent me which show illegal parking, blocking driveways and blocking pavements:

"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"
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Since the beginning of term, I have had many parents to see me to say they are worried about both the parking and driving on Devon and Hunt Road. My biggest worry is the **safety of our children**. Every morning when I stand on the gate welcoming the children to school, I watch numerous parents drive all the way to the top of Devon Road and turn round. This is extremely dangerous and is jeopardising the **safety of our children**.

Please help me to avoid our school from suffering from a tragic accident by not driving up Devon Road and not parking haphazardly on both Devon and Hunt Road. I know it is very difficult when you are all rushing to get the children to school in the morning but all the staff, governors, the majority of parents, our neighbours and **most importantly our children** implore that you listen to this message and **think of the children first**.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher