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RE: Parking in the Village

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, I regularly write about parking in the village. I will be writing specifically about the Sports Day and Summer Fete parking.

I have recently again received a number of complaints from residents where cars have been parked in front of and even within driveways. While I am sure the majority of you are as frustrated as I am by the inconsiderate behaviour of a few, whether that be parents or local residents, I unfortunately need to write to everyone as I do not know the specific individuals involved. Local residents have growing concerns around the frustration of parents over-spilling into verbal abuse when they have challenged parents around poor parking. I always advise where there is unacceptable and anti-social behaviour by anyone that they report this immediately to the police.

As a reminder, the school continues to work with the local community, the Parish Council, the National Trust and other interested parties on the travel plan. This plan aims to reduce the amount of car travel to and from the area and ultimately improve the safety of children. This plan is published to our school website for you to read.

I know that parking can be somewhat limited in the village and whilst as a school we have done a number of things to try and reduce issues such as the bus service, the drive-through in the mornings and the offering of after school activities and the after school club to spread the times when parents will collect from school, inevitably finding somewhere to park can be challenging at times. We have encouraged alternative approaches to travel and the school has in the past encouraged parking further away and walking the final distance to school.

Whilst parking in the village is not something that as a school we can police, we would however appreciate everyone's support and understanding to help ease these issues. We all need to work together and show patience, tolerance and understanding of one another's perspectives on the parking challenges that Broadclyst experiences at peak times of the school day.

Yours sincerely,



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