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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parking on School Lane

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our children and school community, we wanted to update you on the measures we are implementing to ensure a secure environment during drop-off and pick-up times at school, from **Monday 19**th **February 2024.**

1. New Banners for Increased Awareness

To enhance awareness about safe parking practices, we are installing new banners on the school gate and across the metal fence. These banners are designed to remind everyone of the importance of safe parking.

2. Strategically Placed Cones

In an effort to streamline traffic flow and improve safety, we will be placing cones on the school driveway, on the zig-zag lines, the space next to Jasmine Cottage and along the yellow lines. We cannot have people parking in these areas – even if it is a quick drop-off. We are aware of the families who regularly do this and will be talking to them directly.

3. Staff Parking

All staff are expected to park on site. Our Breakfast and Afterschool Club staff will now be parking on the school site, reducing the amount of parked cars on the road.

4. Parking at The Red Lion's Rear Carpark

We are pleased to say that The Red Lion will generously allow parents and caregivers to park in their **rear carpark** during drop-off and pick-up times. We sincerely appreciate their support. We kindly request that you **avoid blocking exits** to maintain a smooth flow of traffic.

5. Residents Society

I am also in discussion with the resident's society, to see what else we can do to support families who wish to walk from Hextable to school.

6. Parental Support

Being a small school, the caretaker is only able to put the cones out in the morning and put them away before he leaves. I am therefore asking if parents can volunteer to put the cones out in the afternoon at 2:45pm, before pick-up and put them away outside, by the new PE store, once most parents/carers have left. If you are able to assist us with this, please could you message me with the times you are available. Your help will be much appreciated.

By implementing these measures, we aim to alleviate parking issues on School Lane. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is crucial to the success of these initiatives. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these safety measures, please do not hesitate to contact me. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the well-being of our entire school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

James Johnson Head of School