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Dear Families,

It has been such a great start to the term. We have been so impressed with our children's attitude to learning and how much effort they put into each lesson. We also want to thank families for all their support. At a recent Family Forum event, we had some amazing suggestions on ways we can improve school.

The main aim of this letter is to keep children and their families safe. Over the past few days, we have been monitoring issues outside the Halsbury/Finlay Road gates as many families and local residents have been complaining about parking and it being unsafe. I hate to say but I agree with them. I have been shocked at how cars have been driving or parked and it has shown little regard to children's safety. I have informed the council about the issues and they did a car parking surveillance drive-by last week. These are going to continue to happen, either in the morning or afternoon. This is run by the council and we have no control over the fines for breaking the highway code.

We are asking for a few small changes, to help ensure the exits are safe!

1. Please Park at a sensible distance away from the junction.
2. Please don't park opposite the yellow Keep Clear sign.
3. The Keep Clear signs should be Kept Clear AT ALL TIMES – no stopping on them to drop children off.
4. If you live near to school and could walk to collect your children, that would be helpful and save on congestion.
5. If you have no alternative, but to drive to school, please use the surrounding roads as far away from the junction of Halsbury/Finlay & Coleridge Road as possible.

As a leadership team, we are always looking at ways we can improve and will be looking into ideas such as walking buses or working with the council on other traffic preventative measures. Most importantly, this letter is to help keep our children safe. A local resident said he'd never known the area around Finley Road to be as dangerous as it is now and I feel we need to all work together to ensure we keep all our children, families and community members safe.

If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Thanks
Mr Tankard