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Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin a new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you to use our facilities in a safe and responsible manner. This particularly applies to the drop off/collection car park at the front of site.

We are aware that this car park has a limited number of spaces and cannot cater for all of the people who wish to use it at the start and end of the day. Indeed, given the nature of our site and the land available to us, it would be impossible for us to ever build a car park that could satisfy the demand to use it. However, when we analyse the demographics of our student population, we are aware that there are still 96% who attend the Academy and live within 2-miles of site and over 90% who live within 1.5 miles. We would, therefore, also ask parents and carers to consider the use of public transport or having children walk to and from school where they are able to do so.

For those who need or choose to drive to and from school, I would again ask that you do not park in disabled bays if you or your child do not need to do so. We do have children attending school who have physical disabilities that mean they require access to these bays. Please be mindful of this when making decisions about where to park.

We would also ask that drivers refrain from parking on footpaths and crossings, do not double park and do not exhibit verbally or physically abusive behaviour towards others on the school site. I would also ask that you please respect our neighbours and ensure that your parking does not inconvenience or cause disturbance to them or restrict access to their properties.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that there are also a number of public highways within a short distance of the Academy, which when used for legal parking will cause less inconvenience. This includes further up and down Woodside Road and in adjacent roads closer to the village of Wyke itself, such as around the site of the old Wyke library. You could drop off or collect children just a short walk from school without having to worry about how busy the car park is, while leaving spaces free for those who need them most. Please also take a moment to think about how poor parking or dangerous driving on site affects the way we are able to safeguard your children and protect them from potentially serious harm.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that we are able to provide a safe site for your children when they arrive at and leave school. If we continue to hold concerns about the use of the car park, we will once again consider all options available to us to remedy this, which may include closing the car park gates or working in partnership with police and wardens to prosecute dangerous or inconsiderate driving and parking around the school grounds.

Yours faithfully

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