

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Road Safety and Driving Outside School**

I am writing to share my serious concerns about the driving and parking behaviours we are continuing to see outside our school. The safety of our children is always our highest priority and unfortunately some of the actions of a small number of parents are putting that safety at risk.

We have received complaints from both neighbours and other parents about:

- Cars mounting pavements or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school
- Parking across neighbours' driveways or double-parking in the road
- Vehicles performing dangerous three-point turns or reversing while children are walking nearby
- Children cycling and scooting too fast and out of their parents' control

This behaviour is not acceptable. It is a danger to all children, other parents and members of the community. In fact, there was a near miss this week when a child went too fast on a scooter, hurt another child, and ended up going straight into the road. We were very fortunate that no one was seriously injured and another parent stepped out to support the child.

Please remember:

- The yellow zig-zags are a no-stopping zone — they must remain clear to keep sight lines safe for children crossing.
- If you must drive, park a short distance away from school and walk the last few minutes.
- Children should ride their bikes and scooters slowly and stay with their parents.
- Children should always walk their bikes and scooters once inside the school gates and stay close to their parents.
- Allow extra time in the morning and afternoon so you are not rushing, which is when accidents are most likely to happen.

If unsafe or illegal driving, cycling or scooting continues, we will have no choice but to report incidents, including number plates, to the local authority and the police.

Most of our families already model excellent road safety habits — thank you for this. Together, we can make sure that drop-off and pick-up are calm, safe and respectful for everyone.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

**Miss Kondo**

**Mr Rollason**

**Headteacher**

**Chair of Governors**