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Dear Parents

## Car Parking

There are few more vexed issues in school life than car parking and despite having generous provision compared to many (my previous school, for example, had a total of 20 spaces for all the staff and parents of a 350 strong school...) we continue to face difficulties, especially at the busy morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. To a certain extent, the afternoons will be less of a challenge now that Middle and Upper School clubs have begun but even so, we feel we need to do whatever we can to improve things further for you.

Over the last few months we have spent a lot of time surveying our grounds and discussing a range of options which will alleviate the main problem areas and I am grateful to those of you who have offered constructive ideas to help us combat safety, congestion and parking concerns. This whole matter is very much at the top of our agenda and the following steps are being taken:

- Subject to planning consent, we hope to create an additional area for parking alongside the driveway to the Manor House.
- We have moved the resident staff parking spaces to create a safe area outside the Manor House for children to wait for their parents at pick up time.
- We have created a barrier in the Manor House car park to allow the smooth flow of cars through the car park towards the exit.
- We have opened a gap in the Pavilion car park fence to allow a safer exit and entrance for parents and children.
- We have erected safety barriers by the Tom Young building and Middle School.
- We have created a new overflow car park by the Lodge, to be used by coaches and minibuses on match days and for additional car parking for major school events.
- We are actively considering the option to build an additional car park at the lower end of the Pre-Prep field (below the tennis courts) to provide more space primarily for Pre-Prep and Middle School parents.

The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us and I can assure you that we take this whole issue very seriously indeed. Some of the improvements listed above have already been introduced, others will happen very soon and I hope that the additional car park will be built before the end of the academic year.

Finally, we are grateful that a number of the ideas for improving things have come directly from parents and we really do appreciate this input. If you have any suggestions about how things could be improved further, then please do not hesitate to let me or our Bursar, Andy Robinson, know.

With kind regards