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Dear Neighbour,

We are sorry that some of the parents who use cars to deliver their children to school are inconsiderate when it comes to leaving their cars unattended in front of private driveways. We regularly remind parents of children at the school to behave responsibly, with consideration and politeness so as not to upset our residential neighbours. We also make it clear to visiting schools playing matches that they should make their parents aware of the local situation.

Although we will still remind parents in newsletters, we have prepared a guidance document which sets out their responsibilities with regard to parking outside the school, parking on yellow lines and in front of private driveways.

We hope the very small minority who feel they do not have respect the rules and will comply in a friendly, polite and non-confrontational manner. A copy of this document is attached. Information contained has been gathered from the council's published sources – we have reproduced relevant sections in good faith, but if you have any queries as to the law please consult Sutton Council and/or their enforcement contractors Indigo (formerly VINCI Park), who can be contacted on tel. no. 020 8661 0096.

The information we have found relating to drop down kerb contraventions suggests that a resident who has been blocked in by an inconsiderate driver has to telephone the Council's parking enforcement contractor for an officer to visit and take action. We do ask that council enforcement and the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team visit both our school sites to deter offenders but it looks like their patrolling concentrate on the zig-zag and yellow line offenders and as far as drop down kerb offenders are concerned requires a complaint from the property occupier.

One resident has suggested that the pilot scheme trialled in Thurrock, Essex be implemented here. Having consulted Thurrock Council we find that the scheme did run for a while with a parent of a school child being trained. Not one penalty charge notice was issued and the pilot has finished, with no plans to renew it. The cost of training a volunteer (£3,000-5,000) with no guarantee of them fulfilling the role for any length of time was one reason why the scheme has not continued.

We hope you will find an improvement in the behaviour of the small inconsiderate minority. With even more residents installing drop down kerbs on the Park Farm Estate, quite understandably, there will be fewer spaces to park on the street not only at the peak drop off/pick up times but at any time. If you feel the need to report drivers to the enforcement contractors please do so. If it is not inconvenient and you can tolerate allowing a car to park for a few minutes, with the driver present, that would be great.

Yours sincerely

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