



Howard Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: A polite request

As we are all aware, we are living in unusual circumstances at the moment and arrangements for drop-offs and collections are more complicated than usual. Safety is our priority, however we would also kindly ask that **consideration** is shown to all the residents of Dering Road and Dering Place during drop-off and collection times. The Government Guidance has been clear that pupils and parents should walk to and from school wherever possible therefore we would ask only those families who have **no option** but to drive into school to do so.

Sadly, we have received several complaints from our neighbours with regard to cars blocking their driveways as well as reports of disrespectful behaviour and foul language being directed towards them. This is unacceptable and we must insist that our neighbouring residents are treated with respect at all times.

We know that many of you have very tight timeframes so that you can get to work in the morning however we expect **courtesy** and **understanding** to be demonstrated at all times. Whilst we do not wish to make matters any more difficult for our families during this challenging time, any parents or carers who demonstrate anti-social behaviour towards any of our neighbours may be required to drop off and collect their children at a separate time, outside of peak hours. We would of course like to avoid this last resort at all costs.

Wherever possible we request:

- **Cars are not parked in Dering Place or Dering Road during peak hours (that is between 8.45am - 9.30am and between 2.45pm – 3.30pm).**
- **Cars do not block the driveways of any home.**
- **When waiting to be let into school or when collecting your children from school, you are respectful of the privacy and the property of our neighbours.**
- **Please do not allow your children to enter the driveways or front gardens of anyone's home.**
- **Please be aware that many of our neighbours work night shifts and are asleep during the day. If you are having a conversation or are on the phone therefore, we ask that you bear this in mind.**

Thank you for your understanding and we hope we can work together to minimise any disturbance to our neighbours and their families as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Governors and Senior Leadership Team

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