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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask for your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe during the busy drop off and pickup periods outside school.

Recently, we have seen an increase in cars stopping or parking in the cycle lane outside the school. While this may feel like a quick and convenient option, it creates significant safety risks for our students and other road users. This also applies to Ullett Road, where the road is significantly busier and where the buses drop off the pupils.

Why this is dangerous:

- **Reduced visibility:** When cars block the cycle lane, cyclists—many of them our own pupils—are forced to pull out into the main road, where they may be less visible to drivers.
- **Increased likelihood of collisions:** Obstructions in a cycle lane put young cyclists directly into the flow of traffic, increasing the risk of an accident.
- **Congestion and frustration:** Parking in restricted areas contributes to traffic buildup, making the area more hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.
- **Legal implications:** Stopping or parking in a marked cycle lane is an offence and may result in fines or enforcement action.

In the case of this first and second bullet point. Recently a cyclist was knocked off their bike by a motorist as they were having to ride into the road because the cycle lane was blocked by cars waiting outside school.

How you can help:

- Allow extra time in the mornings and afternoons to park safely and legally.
- Encourage older pupils to walk, cycle, or use public transport where possible.
- Be mindful that a few seconds of inconvenience for a driver can create serious risks for a young cyclist.

Our priority is, and always will be, the safety and wellbeing of our students. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and commitment to making our school environment safer for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Forsey
Headteacher

