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Dear Parent/Carer

Parking - Keeping Children Safe

We have had a number of concerns regarding parking outside on Stratford Road during drop off and pick up times at the beginning and end of the school.

Farnham Primary school is situated in a built-up area where there isn't enough space for all cars to park. Dangerous parking is an issue around Farnham, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

There are a number of things parents can do to relieve congestion and keep all children safe.

1. Drivers should not park near the school car park and pedestrian entrance. This puts children at risk as they are walking into school and also prevents vital access for emergency services.
2. Park and stride. Please allow yourself extra time to park a good distance away from the school where it is safe and walk the rest of the journey. The walk to and from the car should take at least 5-10 minutes to promote a healthier lifestyle.
3. If you can, we ask families not to drive to school and walk instead. The walk to school will give you special time with your children to talk. Walking can improve overall levels of fitness in children and adults. It is an inexpensive way to exercise. This can have a positive impact both mentally and physically.
4. Talk to your children about how to cross the road safely. This will build confidence in children as they learn the ability to manage risk when they are older when walking around their local community.
5. Explain to your children that they should not try to cross a road between parked cars because drivers won't be able to see them very well.
6. Parents walking with their children should hold hands at all times to ensure that they don't run away.

Let's all take some personal responsibility and work together to ensure our school area is a safe place. I appreciate that most parents walk and drive responsibly to school. Thank you for your good example and being an exemplary role model to the children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Keenan
Deputy Headteacher

