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Dear Parents,

### **PARKING at Pillowell**

I have been working at Pillowell for just over seven years now, and I can't recall a wetter winter period for us to endure.

Of course we try and give the children as much fresh air as possible when they are not in lessons, and children can play safely outside even though it is damp.

The entrance nearest the school office should really only be used for staff access in their vehicles. This leaves the 'lower gate', which we expect all pedestrians to use. Usually this gate is opened by Lisa by 8.40.

We operate a voluntary one-way system, in which we rely on the goodwill and kind nature of our parents and neighbours. In the past, therefore:

- people are encouraged to approach the school via School Road, from the direction of Whitecroft
- similarly, people are asked to park safely at the top of the loop, near the cottages, and towards the lower loop, towards and beyond our playing field
- They are asked to accompany their children onto school premises

We think that in the interests of Safeguarding and Health and Safety of the children that we should actively discourage people using the area immediately outside of the school as a 'dropping of zone'. If you have an issue with your own mobility, then of course we can arrange for your own bespoke system. However, I would need to speak with you to talk this through.

I would like to modify the system to make it safer. This involves using both of the school approaches.

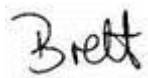
- If you are a pedestrian, I would encourage you to use the entrance that you approach the school from.
- However, if you are a motorist, and have parked on the top of School Road, I would like to ask you to use the entrance adjacent to the school field. This is the entrance which takes you past two private houses, very close to our school hall.

All of these measures would mean that we have a safer circulation around the roads and entrances. They are not exempt from accident, and all people should drive very carefully and considerately. I know that most of you do, and will echo my feeling that we should be taking as many reasonable steps as possible to ensure the children are safe.

I have been in dialogue with the County Council, notably Highways regarding this problem. I really do hope that it does not take a serious accident to motivate them into committing to a scheme to improve our parking facilities. On this note though, there will be hopefully be a feasibility study in the Spring, conducted by Highways, looking at the whole issue.

I am going to ask for the presence of the local PCSO both during the morning drop off and the 3.15 pick up. I will also consult with parents and staff, regarding a staggered start to the day. Following this I would also like to invite you to an informal meeting next term when we can draft some agreement between parents, in which we can calmly ensure that we are all doing as much as we can to keep the children safe.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brett Stevenson  
Headteacher