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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to once again to seek your cooperation and consideration when driving to and from the Academy and when parking in the vicinity of site while waiting to drop off and collect your children.

I have been made aware of several incidents of potentially dangerous driving and obstructive parking during the last half term, the majority of which appear to involve parents of children who attend Appleton Academy. As a responsible neighbour and an active participant in our community, we cannot stress enough that everyone who is a part of the Academy has a responsibility to the local residents who are affected by school operations. This includes parents dropping off and collecting children.

I would like to remind you that there are many areas around the Academy where it is illegal to park, including areas denoted by double yellow lines and the permit holder bays opposite the school building. Furthermore, many of our neighbours and residents have properties and driveways that lead onto the main roads and residential areas around the Academy. These include (but are not limited to), Woodside Road, High Fernley Road, High Fernley Court and Carr House Gate. We are receiving an increasing number of complaints from residents in these areas about parents parking across driveways and access points and generally causing an obstruction.

I would like to appeal to all of our parents and visitors and ask you to ensure that, if you must drive to school, you drive and park in an appropriate and considerate manner and that you do not cause inconvenience to our neighbours or other road users.

We are aware that, since the beginning of the pandemic, more and more of you have been walking to and from school with your children. We would encourage all those who can walk with their children to do so. If you require support with this or would like to discuss walking initiatives taking place at the Academy, please contact our Parental Involvement Officer, Emily Chesterman.

I would like to thank parents in advance for their cooperation. A safer environment around the Academy site not only benefits our neighbours and local residents but is also very much in the interests of the welfare of your children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Jones'.

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher