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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you 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.

Over the years, we have had incidents of potentially dangerous driving and obstructive parking on the roads around the Academy, 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 all of us have 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 on Woodside and High Fernley Road. 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.

We have also observed an increase in the number of parents who are stopping in the middle of the highway on High Fernley Road, where the crossing island is located, to drop off children. Stopping in the road in this manner is extremely dangerous and not only causes traffic to back into Woodside Road, increasing the potential for accidents, but is also obstructing children from safely crossing the road using the island. It also means that children are getting out of vehicles into a highway with moving traffic present, which is an obvious danger to their welfare.

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

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 wellbeing of your children.

Yours faithfully

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

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher