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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Healthy Travel to School and Considerate Parking

At Oswald Road Primary School, we fully support healthy travel to school to help tackle air pollution, poor health and road danger. If you're able, active travel such as walking or cycling is great for wellbeing, a healthier lifestyle, reduced carbon footprint and a better environment for everyone. One of our parents has suggested a 'Friday Walk or Wheel', a day dedicated to walking, cycling or scooting to school. Although this is not a school initiative, it is something you could do as a family. We have bike and scooter parks in school which we fully encourage you to use. The younger children may be assisted by parents when using these facilities.

When it comes to driving to school, it has been brought to our attention that whilst the majority of people are very considerate when parking locally, some are not. There have been recent reports of driveways blocked and pavements mounted during school drop off and pick up times. We have also noticed parents parking on the areas around school clearly marked with yellow lines or zig zags.

The children's safety is paramount and we need to be considerate towards the local residents. May we politely remind everyone to adhere to the following guidance:

- Do not park on the land around Cooperative Funeral Care, it is a danger to our children and there was a recent near -miss which was traumatic for all involved
- When parking on local streets, please ensure you are not blocking anyone's driveway or causing an unnecessary build-up of traffic
- Please do not park on the yellow lines and do not leave engines on when parking up near school. Idling cars lead to increased air pollution around school, which has a negative impact on the health of children, staff, families and local residents - particularly those with asthma
- The yellow lines are also there to keep our children safe as they come to school. Please do not park on the zig zag or double yellow lines at any time, and please do not park on the single yellow lines during pick-up and drop-off times. Only those with a Blue Badge are permitted to park on single or double yellow lines
- The yellow zig zag lines outside our school have signs listing hours of operation. No cars are to park, or wait with their engines running, on the zig zag lines or the single yellow



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lines that run between the zig zags between the hours of 8:00am-9.30am and 3.00pm-4.30pm, Monday-Friday.

- Those holding a Blue Badge may park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours if it is safe to do so, but not within 15 metres of a junction or where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow curb dashes and/or signs on plates. This means that although Blue Badge holders are not allowed to park on the zig zag lines, they are allowed to park on the single yellow lines that run between the zig zags on the same side of the road as the school building

Many thanks for your support in the matter.

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