



*We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together*

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Dear Parents,

During this half term, the school has been faced with an increasing number of complaints from concerned parents and residents about a minority of 'dangerous and inconsiderate' adults, responsible for the drop-off and collection of children at our school.

Complaints have been:

- reversing into the school or church drive
- stopping in the middle of the road to let children out of cars
- double parking to let children out
- parking in a manner which obstructs the main flow of traffic.

All these actions are a considerable concern for the safety of the children whilst crossing the road.

We have also met with local residents and council officials regarding parking that causes an obstruction to driveways or garages. The particular area of discussion has been with the garages in Meadow Way. Parents from our school continually park on private property obstructing the residents' garages.

This action has resulted in:

- residents unable to access their cars
- an elderly resident missing several important hospital appointments
- a resident missing a job interview
- residents being late for work
- damage to residents' cars
- residents being abused by some of our parents when challenged about parking in an area which is clearly marked private property.

The Council is considering various actions to support the residents and we are asking that the current parking notices are respected.

Please remember our primary **collective** responsibility is the safety of all our children and this responsibility must not be abandoned at the beginning and end of every school day. Please also remember that St Vincent De Paul Catholic school strives to be a shining example of our Catholic ethos to the wider community, so our school must be that example in the local community in which it abides.

After half term we will be sharing some suggestions on how to alleviate the drop-off and collection situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Keane  
Headteacher

