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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Staff parking safety

We hope this memo finds you well. We are writing to remind you about the importance of **not using** the staff parking lot for picking up and dropping off your children.

The staff parking lot is designated exclusively for school staff to ensure they have a safe and accessible place to park. When parents use this lot for student drop-off and pick-up, it creates congestion and safety hazards for both staff and students. We continue to see children walking to and from the parking lot, which is very unsafe.

We understand that parking can be challenging, especially during peak times, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. By adhering to this policy, you help us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Kiss and Ride

It has also come to our attention that some vehicles are being parked in unauthorized areas, creating unsafe conditions for our students and other parents. These practices not only disrupt the flow of traffic but also pose significant risks to the safety of our children.

To ensure the safety and efficiency of the Kiss and Ride loop, we kindly ask all parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Drivers are **NOT** allowed to leave cars unattended in Kiss "N" Ride zone
- **Do** use the visitor parking lot to park your vehicle, and walk younger children to their designated waiting areas
- **Do** utilize the Kiss "N" Ride, as a drop off, **ONLY** for students who can **independently** unbuckle their seatbelts and disembark from the **passenger side of the vehicle**
- **Do not** block the entry and exit way of the guest/childcare parking lot

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.