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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the interests of keeping children safe, I am writing to inform you of an important change to the use of the school car park, as of Monday 19th January.

Parking at drop-off and pick-up times is always challenging in primary schools, particularly as car use has increased over time. A number of staff and parents have raised concerns about safety in the car park at busy times, and the school has reviewed this carefully. As a result, we have decided to make a change in order to reduce risk and improve safety for everyone.

With immediate effect, the school car park will be reserved for staff and visiting professionals only. The only exception to this will be pre-arranged transport for pupils with complex needs, for example taxis dropping off or collecting pupils attending the CiC, where access has been agreed in advance with the school as a reasonable adjustment.

Unfortunately, the school is not able to offer parking permits or spaces for parents. If you need to park, please do so on the road outside the school grounds or on nearby streets. To help keep everyone safe, we also ask that parents and carers:

- Use the footpaths when entering and leaving the site
- Avoid walking through the car park wherever possible

The car park can, and should, continue to be used for bicycle parking, and we warmly encourage families who are able to walk or cycle to school to do so. This supports children's health and wellbeing, reduces congestion, and helps the school work towards its environmental goals. Gastrells is proud of its active pupils, and this is a positive way to support that culture.

We recognise that this change may cause some initial inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding. However, the safety of our children must always be our highest priority.

If you have any worries or concerns please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gary Price
Interim Executive Headteacher