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Dear Padnell Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address some important matters that have been brought to my attention a number of times this first week back.

Firstly, the issue of parking around the school premises has become a growing concern. We have received numerous complaints from local residents and parents about the inconsiderate parking habits of some parents and carers. It is crucial that we all work together to ensure the safety and accessibility of our community and in particular our children. I kindly request that you park considerately, avoiding blocking driveways and pathways, or obstructing the flow of traffic. Already 3 near misses have been reported to me.

School has the rolling registration time of 8.40am – 8.55am to try and help but what could you do to make things safer? Maybe you could arrange with a friend to take drop offs in turns? Maybe you could make an effort to walk to school? Maybe you could park further away and walk a bit of your journey?

Additionally, I am aware of the petition circulating regarding the lollipop man role. John has chosen to retire, however, unfortunately this is also at a time when HCC are considering their options regarding a £132 million budget shortfall. If you recall I shared with you the consultation link asking you to give your views on how the council should work to achieve this. We await the outcome of this consultation to plan a way forward and I will keep you posted. However, John was there to cross the children over the road not to improve or parking and driving: this is the responsibility of drivers!

In the meantime, I urge you to teach your child the importance of road safety and to ensure they cross the road safely, either with you or a responsible adult. We will be addressing this issue in our assemblies this week and next in school too.

I understand that these matters can be frustrating, but I am hopeful that by working together, we can improve things for all.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Grayson', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mrs Mandy Grayson  
Headteacher

