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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well. At Woodthorne, one of the key concerns that parents have brought to my attention over the years is the congestion and parking outside the school gates in the morning and at home time.

This morning, I am really concerned to report that we had a very near miss where a moving car mounted the pavement and a child was nearly hit. After speaking to some very worried parents this morning about the situation, I have reflected today and feel that we need to come together, in September, to work on a solution to the challenge. There are a number of schemes we have run over the years, each having an impact for a short amount of time, but none that were lasting. Therefore, I would like to set up a working party with school and parents to see if we can find a solution moving forward. If you would be interested in joining the working party, then please could you email an expression of interest to the school email address woodthorneprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk and I will arrange a meeting for September.

As we are a primary school, we have a lot of very young children who can be unpredictable at times. This morning, if a child had been walking on the edge of the pavement, I fear that I would now be writing a very different letter; one which I do not every wish to write. I know that we all have places to be in the morning and as a dad who drops his children off at breakfast club most mornings, I know it can feel like a rush to get to your next destination. But please, please could I urge all parents to ensure that they are driving (and parking) considerately, slowly and safely outside of school at all times.

Thank you for your attention with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

T Hinkley
Headteacher