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**Ofsted**

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

I am writing to you today to ask for your support with a matter recently raised with me by local residents and local counsellors.

As you will be aware, the school has only a single entrance / exit on Rookery Lane. This does mean that Rookery Lane and Gospel Oak Road regularly become very congested between 3pm and 3.15pm as many parents arrive in cars to collect students from school.

Local residents have raised with me that on many occasions recently this has resulted in driveways being blocked and/or damage occurring to their vehicles as parent cars temporarily park on roads/pavements waiting to collect students. With only one entrance we are unable to operate a system where parents come into the car park to collect students. Traffic congestion also leads to a very crowded and potentially dangerous end to the school day which requires considerable supervision from school staff. We will, of course, continue to do this so that we can ensure students remain safe while leaving school. That said, this would be a lot easier to do if the parked traffic was significantly reduced.

Could I respectfully request that you only park close to the school to pick up your child if it is absolutely necessary or if you are collecting students with a disability so that we can continue to enjoy a respectful and productive relationship with our neighbours.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Rooke".

S Rooke  
Acting Headteacher

