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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to ask for your support in two important matters relating to our local community.

Firstly, we have received a number of complaints from residents regarding parking around the school. Several have reported that their driveways have been blocked by parents dropping children off for Breakfast Club or at the start of the school day. In a few instances, residents have also described interactions in which parents were spoken to disrespectfully, including incidents of swearing. This is not reflective of the values we uphold at Brookmead.

As members of our local community, the way we behave around the school reflects directly on us. We actively promote walking to school wherever possible, both for the wellbeing of our children and for the benefit of our environment. Where walking is not an option, we ask that parents park considerately, ensuring that driveways, pavements and access routes for emergency vehicles remain clear. We are grateful to Woodz Pizza, who kindly allow parents to use their car park at the start and end of the day. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Secondly, we are very sad to share that our Forest School and Mud Kitchen OPAL area were vandalised over the summer break. This has been devastating for our staff and children, as these spaces are central to our outdoor learning and play. Our staff have worked hard to repair the damage, and we have reported the incident to the Police. CCTV has now been installed to monitor the fence-line areas.

We do, however, need your support. If you see anything out of hours that concerns you, particularly anyone accessing the school site when it is closed, please contact the Police immediately and report it. If you know anything at all about the incident, please share this information with us or with the Police, as this remains an open investigation.

We warmly welcome a whole-community approach to prevention. It is heart breaking that some individuals believe it is acceptable to vandalise our play areas, and your vigilance makes a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful and considerate environment for all.

Kind regards

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher