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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing jointly on behalf of Oaklands Catholic School, St Peter's Primary School and Crookhorn College, all of which are located along Stakes Hill Road and share a close relationship with the local community.

It has been brought to our attention by members of the local community that some people are choosing to park their vehicles in inconsiderate, damaging and, in some cases, dangerous ways when dropping off or collecting children from our schools.

Firstly, the schools have no jurisdiction over how adults choose to park their vehicles in the local area, whether that is on public roads, across private driveways or in local business car parks. When schools receive complaints from residents, our advice will be for them to note the vehicle registration and report the matter to Hampshire Constabulary and Portsmouth City Council. These organisations are the appropriate authorities to investigate and address such concerns. The schools will support local residents who choose to take this course of action.

Secondly, inconsiderate public behaviour, including dangerous parking, obstructing access, littering and showing a lack of respect for the local area, damages the strong reputation of all three schools and the families they serve. Our staff work hard to foster positive relationships with our neighbours and wider community, and it is disappointing when the actions of a small minority undermine these efforts.

We would therefore ask all parents and carers to park considerately, obey traffic regulations and be mindful of the impact their actions have on others. We also ask that parents and carers show courtesy and patience towards one another during busy drop-off and pick-up periods, recognising that everyone is trying to ensure children arrive and leave safely. Equally important is showing respect and consideration to residents, whose homes and daily lives can be significantly affected by congestion, noise and inconsiderate parking.

We recognise that the vast majority of parents and carers act responsibly and courteously. However, the behaviour of a small minority can have a disproportionate impact on our relationships with the local community. We are therefore grateful for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful and positive environment around all three schools.

By working together, we can ensure that Oaklands Catholic School, St Peter's Primary School and Crookhorn College continue to be valued members of the local community and excellent places for our children and young people to learn and flourish.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Bonnington
Head of School



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