Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing, once again, to remind parents that driving their children up to the school gate at the top of Clinton Hill is causing an increasing level of chaos and danger to the pedestrians and residents on a daily basis. Not only is this directly contravening our requests in the past, but is now regularly hindering staff from arriving safely at work in time to start, due to the car park entrance being completely blocked by parents attempting to turn their cars around.

Our ‘Stop ‘n’ Drop’ system in New Farthingdale is now well into its second year and provides a safe, welcoming, speedy system of dropping off your children to us and ensuring that they are escorted into the school playground by a member of our Road Safety team. A member of the school’s Senior Leadership Team is always in charge and we have noticed a significant increase in the number of parents who are now using this system regularly, not to mention the positive comments that we have received about its efficiency and success.

Driving up to New Farthingdale would add no more than five minutes’ extra journey time and would eliminate any need for you to be caught up in the chaos at the top of Clinton Hill, which presumably takes even longer to disengage your car from in the mornings.

If this continues, I will need to approach parents individually about their driving choices, which I do not want to do, as this could cause unnecessary distress to the children as they arrive to start their school day. PLEASE work with me to continue to provide a safe, workable system of dropping your children to school.

I have informed the local community police team who will be undertaking some spot checks on the mornings in both Clinton Hill and The Meades over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Stokes