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 local residents from being able to park anywhere near their properties.

I received the following email yesterday afternoon from an extremely disgruntled resident:

I am writing to you as a resident of Clinton Hill to say that parking is becoming a huge issue up the road. This morning I had an incident in which a mother from the school nearly hit my car due to driving up the road, whilst on the phone, to drop her kids. I also cannot get a parking space up the road around 3 o’clock due to the number of parents both parking and coming up to road to collect their kids. They know they’re not meant to be doing it and they still do and it’s starting to become a huge irritant.

Our ‘Stop ‘n’ Drop’ system in New Farthingdale 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.

Please also be aware that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone whilst driving and, should this be witnessed again, we will have no hesitation in passing your details on to the police.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Stokes