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Dear Parents and Carers,

Urgent Safety Notice: Road Safety and School Crossings

I am writing to you today following a very concerning report from our School Crossing Patrol regarding road safety outside the school gates.

We have been informed that a small minority of drivers continue to drop children off directly on the school zebra crossing. In one particularly alarming recurring instance, a child is being let out of a vehicle into the middle of the road.

I must emphasise how incredibly dangerous this is. Stopping on a zebra crossing is not only illegal but creates a severe safeguarding risk. It places the child being dropped off at risk of being hit by oncoming traffic or vehicles overtaking from behind, and it significantly endangers other pedestrians and our crossing patrol staff.

Please be aware of the following:

- **Zebra Crossing Laws:** It is a legal requirement not to stop on the "zig-zag" lines or the crossing itself. These areas must be kept clear to ensure a full line of sight for all road users.
- **Body-Worn Cameras:** School crossing patrols across Essex now have access to body-worn video cameras. This technology is currently being trialled locally in our area, and any footage of dangerous driving or illegal stopping will be shared directly with **Essex Police** for further action.
- **Staff Safety:** Our patrol staff are there to ensure your children get to school safely. We expect them to be treated with respect when they are highlighting safety concerns.

We are a community that prides itself on looking out for one another. I ask that all parents and carers lead by example and use the designated safe stopping areas further away from the crossing. A few extra seconds of walking is a small price to pay to ensure the safety of every child at Riverside.

Thank you for your immediate cooperation and for helping us keep our children safe.

Best regards,

Mrs Claire Smith
Headteacher

