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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know from previous correspondence from both schools, and will have witnessed yourselves, the traffic around the school area continues to be a problem. The governors from the two schools are working together to try to improve the challenging issues around Harvest Road; however, there are also safety concerns on our school site in the bottom car park where cars are entering and moving, at times dangerously, in a small area where around 1000 children and their families are moving in a short period of time. At present, after-school appears to be the biggest issue.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, there will be barriers preventing cars from entering or exiting the bottom car park between the times of 2.55pm and 3.25pm. Some families do have permission to park at school for agreed reasons, but they will need to arrive before this time and will be unable to leave until the barriers are cleared at 3.25pm. No other cars should be entering the school site at all. The safety of our pupils comes first and we must stop any moving vehicles in the car park at the busy period of leaving school. We continue to encourage our parents to park at Maidenbower Park or Frogshole Farm primarily, although there is also parking at the shops.

### **Traffic around Harvest Road**

Governors at both schools are working towards improving the traffic situation around Harvest Road, however, we would like to remind all families of the following:

- under no circumstances should any cars park on or near a roundabout - this creates huge traffic problems and is illegal.
- all 'keep clear' markings must be kept clear at all times.
- if you have not watched a video created by some pupils, please watch it using the following link - [https://youtu.be/Uc9Hj\\_hxz-8](https://youtu.be/Uc9Hj_hxz-8)
- if you witness dangerous driving, this can be reported via the Operation Crackdown website - <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

Vehicles can also be reported if they are parked:

- \* on zig zag lines
- \* dangerously
- \* in a way that prevents emergency services entering
- \* over a dropped kerb
- \* near a school entrance

Thank you for your support in helping to keep all our children safe.

Yours sincerely

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Headteachers of Maidenbower Junior and Infant School

