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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for returning the school survey forms distributed last week. We are currently examining them and will publish the results on the school's website as soon as we have collated the information. Some ideas can be implemented very soon such as adjusting the time pupils have to eat lunches while other suggestions will take a little longer.

One issue was raised by many parents. This is the problem of parking outside the school entrance or rather the problem of illegal and dangerous parking on the double yellow lines. All agree that putting out the cones has made the entrance much safer for all our pupils and now wish us to tackle the dangerous parking. **While parking on the public road is not the responsibility of the school we are determined to do our very best to help prevent a tragic accident.** The Gardaí have been notified that we are very concerned about the safety of pupils coming to and from school and will visit the school whenever possible. But we are determined to do more than just this.

From next Monday 11th March 2013 any vehicle illegally/dangerously parked on the double yellow lines outside the school entrance will be photographed and the evidence given to the Gardaí. CCTV recording of the school entrance will also be given to them. We are determined to do all in our power to address the matter of children's safety coming to and going home from school. If everyone clearly understands that our children's safety is what is most important we are sure that you will give this initiative your full support.

Representatives from the Board of Management have already met with Wexford County Council to see how the parking issue can be addressed but lack of funding means little change in the immediate future. When the school extension is completed and the prefabs removed during the summer holidays the Board will provide additional parking for staff inside the school grounds.

In the meantime I hope that you will support the decision to report illegal and dangerous parking outside the school so that children's safety will be everyone's responsibility.

Sincerely,

Principal