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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I am writing to address two important matters that have recently come to our attention.

1. Street robberies

I wrote to you last term about a concerning spate of robberies in the Purley and Wallington areas targeting young people on their way home from school. Although the situation in those areas has improved in recent months, we are aware of a number of street robberies that have taken place in the wider area in recent weeks. I would therefore urge you to speak to your son about travelling safely to and from school and we will, of course, reinforce key messages from school. You may find the police advice here useful.

2. Inconsiderate parking

We have received numerous complaints from local residents about parking in Great Woodcote Park at the back of the school. Some vehicles have been observed parking on grass verges, causing significant damage. It appears that a contributing factor to this issue is the concentration of cars attempting to pick up students directly outside the school gates. I have noticed that this also obstructs the flow of traffic. Therefore, I kindly request that, unless absolutely necessary, boys are picked up away from the immediate vicinity of the school gates. I am sure that students will not mind walking an additional 100 yards if it contributes to alleviating these issues.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Should you have any questions, concerns, or information to share regarding either of these issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school reception.

Yours sincerely,

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