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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you following a series of issues raised at our most recent Road Safety Group Meeting concerning parking outside your school during drop off and pick up times. There has always been an issues in this regard however recently the problem appears to have intensified and our drivers have reported a series health and safety concerns with regards to parking and road manoeuvres during these busier periods.

We recently had a near miss incident where a child darted out between parked cars with the bus having to brake sharply to avoid. These kind of incidents scar not only our drivers but can lead to passenger injuries on board as passengers will not be anticipating a sudden stop. Furthermore inconsiderate parking often only allows for very small gaps for our buses to fit through which will potentially lead to collisions with vehicles which puts our drivers livelihoods at risk.

I know the parking outside your school at these periods must also be of frustration to yourselves but could I please urge you to stress to the parents, with whatever platform you use to communicate with them, the dangers of inconsiderate parking at these times. If you could also address the issue with your children that attend your school to explain to them the dangers of not crossing the road at appropriate locations.

Near miss incidents like these, as well as others we have had previously, give us the opportunity to learn before anything horrendous occurs and I really hope you'll work with us to ensure nothing ever does.

If you would like to discuss further with me please don't hesitate to contact me via email bainbridgem@arriva.co.uk or 01642 223141.

Yours sincerely,



Maria Bainbridge
Operations Manager