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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Misuse of the Woolwell Medical Centre Car Park

I am writing to inform you of an important issue that has been brought to our attention by the management of Woolwell Medical Centre. They have expressed concerns regarding the continued misuse of their car park, which is causing significant disruptions to their daily operations. While we understand the appeal of their location during school drop-offs and pick-ups, it is crucial to respect their parking regulations, as this is a private car park designated for patients, staff, and authorised visitors only.

The following concerns have been raised:

Private Parking: The car park is reserved exclusively for patients attending appointments, staff members, and authorised visitors. It is not open to the general public.

Increased Demand: With more clinicians and staff working at the centre and a growing number of patients being seen daily, the demand for parking has naturally increased.

Limited Spaces for Patients: The surge in vehicles during school drop-off and pick-up times significantly reduces the availability of parking for patients, many of whom have limited mobility or urgent medical needs. This also impacts GPs and other clinicians returning from house calls.

Obstructed Access: Unauthorised parking often results in vehicles blocking access points, which can hinder the movement of emergency vehicles, staff, and deliveries. In urgent situations, this could pose a serious safety risk.

Increased Congestion: The additional cars during peak school hours create congestion, making it difficult for patients and staff to navigate the car park efficiently.

Property Damage: There have been instances of damage to landscaping, curbs, and other parts of the property, likely due to improper parking in tight spaces. While no specific individuals are being blamed,



increased traffic naturally leads to more wear and tear, resulting in added maintenance costs for the medical centre.

In light of these concerns, the medical centre has installed CCTV cameras and will be adding clear signage to indicate that the car park is for patients and staff only. We kindly ask all parents and carers to respect these boundaries and refrain from using the medical centre's car park for school-related drop-offs and pick-ups. By doing so, we can ensure a safer, more accessible environment for patients and staff, and maintain good relations with our local community.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing positive changes as a result of our collective efforts.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs T Hue Hamilton
Headteacher

