

20th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Parking around the school

I am writing to inform you of many concerns which have been raised by residents and families in our school community about parking outside the school and surrounding streets. We have received several complaints regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by families accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school, parking on the pavement and parking across private driveways. Parking across residents' driveways is not acceptable. Parking on pavements has been causing an obstruction for parents and residents with many instances of parents with push chairs, toddlers and pupils having to walk in the road because the pavement is blocked putting them in unnecessary danger.

On several occasions, we have asked families to be considerate of where and how they park. I am very concerned that it is only through luck that there has not been a serious road traffic accident.

I understand that parking continues to be an issue for many parents (as it is around most schools) but I am also keen to ensure the safety of all our children/families and maintain good relationships with our neighbours. I am, therefore, asking for your support with both these matters.

Naturally, there is a lot of congestion at the start and end of the school day. This congestion causes safety issues for all families. Please park and drive considerately in the area and with due regard for the safety of other drivers and pedestrians. You may need to park further away from school and walk a bit further from your car to school but this will improve the safety of all children.

Please do not:

- Park on the zig-zag lines around the school
- Block or park across people's driveways
- Park or drive on pavements
- Park in the staff car park. This is for staff only aside from a very small number of families who have an agreement with the school and a school parking permit.
- Be rude or abusive to local residents, pedestrians and other drivers.

With regards to the last point, I have had reports of people being verbally abusive to pedestrians (adults and children), residents and other car drivers. This is both upsetting and unacceptable.

I do appreciate that most of our parents and families walk, park or drive responsibly to school. Thank you for continuing to adhere to the road safety regulations and setting a good example for the children. Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Best wishes



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Headteacher

