



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, we are always very appreciative of the support and feedback we receive from parents about our school. Often, this feedback is about matters that are not directly concerned with school or may be outside of our control but we will always seek to help or source further help where possible.

It has been brought to our attention that driving and parking around school is becoming increasingly dangerous and in many instances is by parents of children in our school. This is a big safety concern. Parked vehicles can hide children from passing drivers and stop children from being able to see approaching traffic. This is even more dangerous when the traffic is travelling above the speed limit. We are aware that this is even more problematic when the footpath floods/ is very muddy. Please be assured that as a school we are still seeking solutions for this but this is no easy task as even though water can run from the school grounds the matter concerns the highway and not the school.

The school environment is a safe secure place for your children to attend but we as parents and guardians also have a responsibility to try and improve the accessibility of pupils arriving to school. The last thing we want as a school community is to see a child or family member injured or worse. How would you feel if your parking contributed towards a child being injured?

I am asking all parents to help keep our school community safe. Our road safety ambassadors are going to revisit some key road safety messages with all children in school and as parents there is lots that you can do to help us too:

- When you are out with your child you will have good opportunities to reinforce the road safety messages. Please think about telling your child about the importance of finding safer places to cross, stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening, and thinking. Making sure they have good visibility, taking their hoods down and no distractions with phones or friends when near roads. This will help your child to develop good road safety habits at an early age and reinforce your own road safety awareness.
- If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.
- Do Not Park on :
 - School Keep Clear Zig Zags
 - Double/Single Yellow Lines
 - Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs
 - On Pavements
 - In front of resident driveways

I know that you will all want to ensure the safety of all children and so I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this.

Mrs Driver

