

DANGEROUS PARKING

HOW IT MAKES OUR PUPILS FEEL



“
SOME PEOPLE
DRIVE THEIR CARS
ON THE PAVEMENT
AND THERE ARE
SMALL CHILDREN
THEY MAY NOT SEE
”

“
I'M SO WORRIED
BECAUSE I FEEL
LIKE MY FRIENDS
AND FAMILY ARE AT
RISK OF GETTING
INJURED
”

“
I FEEL UNSAFE AND
ANXIOUS BECAUSE
SOME PEOPLE
DRIVE ON THE
PAVEMENT.
”

“
I FEEL ANXIOUS
BECAUSE SOME
PEOPLE DON'T
LOOK PROPERLY
AND WE COULD GET
KNOCKED OVER
”

“I feel extremely scared and nervous. My best friend nearly got knocked off her bike and it left her traumatised.”



We have received further reports of inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving around school, including near misses with children involved. The children's safety is our absolute priority so we're working with our Rights Respecting Ambassadors, school community and our Local Authority to find ways to improve the situation.

ACTIONS TAKEN



In addition to regular communications to our school community outlining the local parking rules, we have taken a number of actions to improve the safety issues we currently face.

LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER

Our Local Neighbourhood Manager will be visiting school to assess what we can do to improve the safety issues we face around the Co-op side of Nicholas Road. Despite barriers being erected in this area during school drop off and pick up times, some people continue to ignore the warnings and we have received another report of a near miss in this area last week. We are hoping to implement something more permanent to help protect the children.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

You may have noticed an increased presence of parking wardens in the area. This is to help deter people from parking on the pavement and other unauthorised areas which may be unsafe for the children.

LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL COUNCIL

We continue to work closely with the local authorities and inform them of any incidents that take place. Where possible, we will send reports of specific incidents for follow up to ensure the safety issues are a prominent topic for review.

RIGHTS RESPECTING AMBASSADORS

We have been speaking to some of our pupils about how the situation is making them feel. They have made some fantastic suggestions about how to get the message across to local people, including a poster competition encouraging the children to talk about the dangers of inconsiderate parking. The children's posters will be put up around the outside of school, making their voice heard more prominently. It was quite alarming to hear how many of them had experienced a near miss.

"WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I WAS ON MY SCOOTER ON THE PAVEMENT AND A CAR REVERSED AND ALMOST HIT ME."

"I WAS CYCLING ON MY BIKE TO SCHOOL AND A CAR PULLED OUT IN FRONT OF US, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS OUR RIGHT OF WAY, AND MY DAD FELL OFF HIS BIKE TRYING TO SWERVE OUT OF THE WAY."

PARKING RULES



YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES

The yellow zig zag lines outside our school have signs listing hours of operation. No cars are to park, or wait with their engines running, on the zig zag lines or the single yellow lines that run between the zig zags (see image below) between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Anyone found in breach of this will be enforced legally by the local council, who make use of camera cars, CCTV or parking wardens to issue a penalty charge notice.



DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Double yellow lines indicate no stopping at any time. These can be found on the corners of junctions (see image below), and are put in place to prevent dangerous parking and ensure that the visibility of both drivers and pedestrians is not obstructed.



PARKING RULES



SINGLE YELLOW LINES

No cars are to park, or wait, on the single yellow lines that run along the opposite side of the road to the school building (see image below) between the hours of 8:00am-9:30am, 3:00pm-4:30pm on Monday-Friday.



BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

Those holding a Blue Badge may park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours if it is safe to do so, but not within 15 metres of a junction or where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes and/or signs on plates. This means that although Blue Badge holders are not allowed to park on the zig zag lines, they are allowed to park on the single yellow lines that run between the zig zags on the same side of the road as the school building.

These rules are in place to ensure the safety of children and their families when walking to and from school. Parking your car, waiting with the engine on, or stopping quickly to let your child jump out of the car in a restricted area obstructs the view of those trying to cross the road, particularly small children who are still getting to grips with how to cross the road safely.

CROSSING THE ROAD WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Finally, we have had a few reports of drivers pulling up in the middle of the road, or on illegal areas of the road to let their children out in the mornings. Please can we politely remind you to find a safe and secure place to park your car before letting your child out to cross the road. It is also preferable for parents/carers to get out of the car and cross with their child into school safely please.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION