

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Safe and respectful parking in the school community

As we are all aware, there are a number of works happening in and around the school which has for the time has had a significant impact on parking before and after school. Even so, I felt it was important to write to you once more about our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to school for everyone while also respecting the local residents. We can do this in a number of ways:

- Please refrain from parking over driveways as many residents including some of our parents have contacted the school frequently since the start of September about the impact this is having on them and not being able to get to work or go about their daily duties. Some residents have spoken of being insulted when they have asked parents to not park over their drive. Please remember to uphold the school values and to remain respectful
- On Woodhill, cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag "School Keep Clear" markings. These markings are to **prevent vehicles stopping or parking specifically outside the entrance of the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians**
- Please do not park too close to a road junction (for example, between Woodhill and Godfrey Hill) as this is an illegal offence. Take note of the signs that are placed on the junction
- Cars should not be parked on pathways during drop off and collection times
- Please consider the safety of young children and parents with pushchairs who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past. Again, it is illegal to park a car on a pavement

In the meantime, we will continue to speak with parents who place members of our school community at risk and if deemed appropriate, warning letters will be distributed.

Please consider whether you really need to use your car to make the journey to school at all. Not only is walking a healthier option and better for the environment, but it also helps to alleviate some of the problems we are currently facing at the start and end of the school day.

I am sure we are all in agreement that the safety of all our children must continue to be our primary responsibility. In these circumstances, I appreciate your support in ensuring this takes priority over a convenient drop off or pick up.

Yours sincerely



Mr O Phillips
Headteacher

