



29th January 2023

PARKING

Dear Parents and Carers,

The contentious issue of parking continues to be a problem for the school. I receive complaints from neighbours, members of the school community and parents and carers on a regular basis. Not only does it take up a lot of time to resolve, many of the issues can be avoided if we follow the simple tips listed below. It is every driver's responsibility to remain safe when they drop their child to school and to ensure that they follow the rules of the Highway Code. Thank you for your continued support with this very important issue for the school.

Top tips for drivers:

- Be extra observant and keep a watchful eye for children walking and cycling to school, they might be distracted and excited.
- We all want to keep your children safe. You can help – **keep the zig-zags clear and don't park on pavements.**
- **Reduce your speeds near to school. If you are driving at 30mph and a child runs out, your stopping distance will be at least 23 metres.**
- Park 2 minutes away from school and walk the last 2 minutes of your journey.
- Rushing causes accidents – give yourself more time for your journey and never be tempted to speed or park illegally.
- Please don't reverse near school, this is a time when it is even harder to see small children.
- Choose a safe place to drop your child off near to the school. Aim for somewhere you won't cause congestion and danger to those walking or cycling to school.
- Never get children out of a car roadside.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher