

Parking Around School – Keeping Our Children Safe

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is always our top priority. We would like to thank the many families who already park responsibly and considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

Unfortunately, we continue to receive concerns about unsafe parking around the school, including vehicles causing obstructions, parking on pavements, and creating difficulties for children and families trying to crossroads safely.

Working Together for Safer School Streets

To help improve safety around the school, there are a number of initiatives that can be explored in partnership with the school, parents, the local community and partner organisations.

Children Leading the Way

Our pupils can design posters and road safety messages to display around the school and, where possible, in local residents' windows. Children are often the most powerful advocates for change, and these messages can encourage all road users to think carefully about the impact of their parking choices.

Support from South Yorkshire Police

The school can work alongside colleagues from South Yorkshire Police and local PCSOs, who may be able to visit the school to speak with pupils about road safety. These sessions can help reinforce important safety messages and encourage everyone to play their part in keeping children safe.

Parking Enforcement Information

Many parents are understandably concerned about vehicles parking dangerously near the school.

It is important to note that unless specific parking restrictions are in place, the Council's Parking Enforcement Team is often unable to issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs). However, obstruction, pavement parking that impedes pedestrians, and dangerous driving remain matters for South Yorkshire Police.

The police have powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices where offences occur. If you witness dangerous or obstructive parking, this can be reported via:

- South Yorkshire Police – **101**
- Online: <https://www.southyorks.police.uk/>

The school's CCTV enforcement arrangements can only be used to enforce school "Keep Clear" zig-zag markings and bus stop clearways.

Enforcement Patrols

The Council's Enforcement Team can undertake patrols, where resources allow, alongside their wider school commitments. Targeted patrols or joint operations can focus on education, engagement and enforcement where appropriate.

How You Can Help

We encourage all families to consider alternative ways of travelling to school, these might include:

Walk to School

If possible, consider walking all or part of your journey. Walking helps reduce congestion, improves air quality and promotes healthier lifestyles for children.

Walking Zones

Families who need to drive could park 5–10 minutes away from the school and complete the final part of the journey on foot. This helps reduce congestion and improves safety around school entrances.

Walking Buses

Joining or organising a walking bus with other families can provide a fun, safe and social way for children to travel to school.

Supporting Our Community

Local residents may be willing to support efforts to reduce congestion by offering driveway space during peak times where appropriate and practical.

A Shared Responsibility

Every vehicle parked thoughtfully and every family choosing to walk part of their journey helps make the area safer for all children.

Please remember that children are watching and learning from the adults around them. By parking responsibly and showing consideration for our neighbours, residents and fellow families, we can all contribute to a safer and healthier environment around our school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.