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Dear Parents / Carers.

I am writing to you today to address the **continued issue** we have with some cars parking dangerously and illegally outside of our school and to ask that you work fully alongside school to ensure the safety of all the children and families within our care.

Last year, as you will remember our Chair of Governors wrote to you all as one of our children was hit by a car outside school whilst another was very nearly injured. The reason for both incidents was due to vehicles parked illegally and with no consideration to other people around them, whilst also driving above the speed limit.

This week we have witnessed cars driving onto the pavements outside of school whilst children are walking there and cars parked so that pavements are inaccessible to the walking families – this is not acceptable nor is their safety being considered.

Politely I am asking you, yet again, to refrain from parking on the pavements outside of school, on the double yellow lines or zigzags crossings and not opposite the junction joining us to Moorclose Road. There is no excuse to park this close to school or to abandon cars illegally parked. I ask you to also consider residents, particularly over at Brierydale when parking and blocking exit/entries there.

Please do not park or pull over to drop children off in front of school entrances, driveways, zig-zag road markings and dropped kerbs. Please also avoid parking in front of the pedestrian entrances to the school site. Failure to do so could result in prosecution leading to a **FINE** or even **PENALTY POINTS** being issued for certain offences.

Please see the third page of this letter for details of road signs and markings which show you where you shouldn't park.

What can you do to help?

There a number of ways you can help resolve this community matter:

- Those living nearby can avoid the cost and inconvenience to themselves and others by walking children to and from school.
- Parents can consider lift sharing with friends and/or neighbours.
- Using the parking spaces on nearby road which are often unused, would relieve pressure on areas closer to school entrance points.
- Allow yourself more time to find safe considerate parking.



I have contacted the Highways Agency and the police again to make them aware of the issues. The purchased signs to make people aware of the parking restrictions will be placed out daily as from today – please do not ignore these.

Any vehicles illegally parked will be asked to move and registration plates will be emailed to the appropriate authorities.

The staff here at St Mary's have a duty of care to all of our children and work endlessly to safeguard your child/children. I ask you to please work with us to ensure all children and families are safe coming to and from our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D Douglas
Headteacher



Road Safe / Park Safe

Always park in a safe and considerate manner to avoid a child or pedestrian being hurt.

Before you set off on the school run, please think about where you are going to park so that you keep children safe.

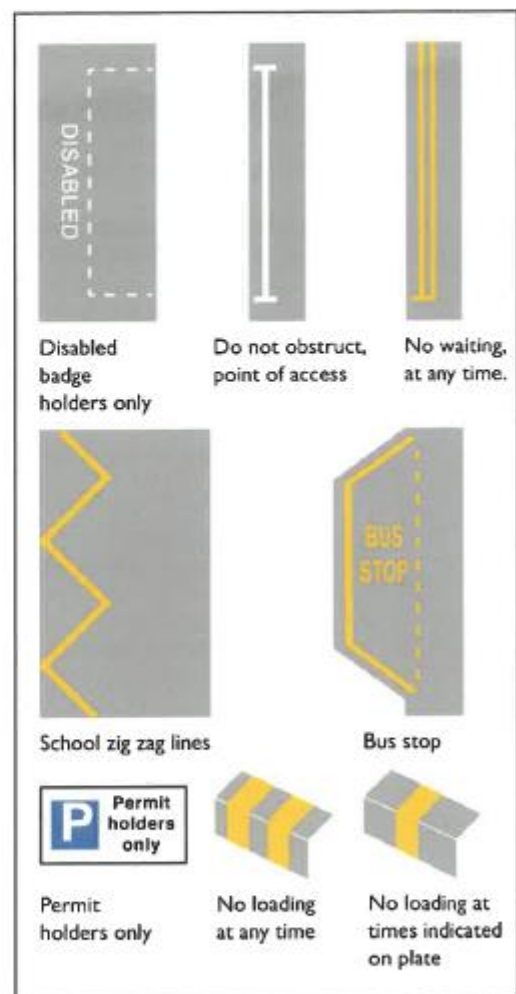
Parking on the zigzags around schools means that Children cannot see over your car when trying to cross the road, so please park in a safe place to avoid accidents.

If you park in a dangerous place you may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCNs) for:

- Stopping on school zig zag lines and zebra crossings
- Parking on double yellow lines and verges
- Parking in residents' and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed
- Parking in taxi ranks
- Parking outside marked bays
- Staying too long in time limited waiting areas
- Failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge.
- Obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs
- Double parking

The Police have a duty to enforce other traffic offences, which can result in penalty points being issued on your Driving Licence. These include:

- Dangerous parking
- Causing obstruction
- Parking on pedestrian crossings
- Other traffic offences



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