



Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service



National Road Safety Week: 18 – 24 November

Dear Parent / Guardian

We have recently received a number of complaints about illegally parked vehicles and inconsiderately driven vehicles near the school which coincide with the school's start and finish times. This not only causes inconvenience to local residents but also causes real road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing roads.

Although we encourage walking and cycling to school, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used, by some, to provide transport for journeys to school. We must ask you to take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents. Nor should it cause danger to passing pedestrians, cyclists or traffic, even if this means you need to park a little further from the school gates.

Please ensure that you obey the following rules which form part of the requirements of the Highway Code:

DO NOT stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

You **MUST NOT** stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines.

In addition we would ask that extra care and consideration is taken when driving near the school site.

We will be liaising with the Local Authority parking enforcement teams, who have CCTV equipped vehicles and will contact owners of offending vehicles and where appropriate, penalty charge notice may be issued.