

# Lynch Hill School Primary Academy

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Acting Headteacher  
**Mrs L. Tomlinson**

Dear Parents,

As you will know, each and every week, our newsletter will make reference to the parking situation at the front of the school.

Illegal and inconsiderate parking is causing hazards for our road users and pedestrians alike and there have been a number of near misses in recent months. I am gravely concerned that before too long there will be an accident and one of our pupils will be seriously injured. I would urge you to consider how you would feel if that child was your child.

If you drive to school each day, it is vitally important for the safety of you, your children and those other road users, to ensure that you stop and park safely (even if it is only for a few minutes to drop the children off). When stopping, it is imperative that you abide by the regulations and do not stop in any of the following:

- On our school entrance markings during school hours.
- On public footpaths and verges.
- Partially or fully across a dropped kerb for a driveway.
- Within 10 metres of a junction.
- Around a bend where oncoming traffic has a restricted view.
- On the school zig-zags
- On double yellow and single yellow lines (during controlled hours) and in time limited areas for longer than allowed.
- In disabled parking bays unless you are entitled and displaying a valid blue disabled badge.

Each morning, we have staff outside of the school gates in order to supervise the area and to ensure that children can enter school safely; the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our primary concern. Many parents have commented to me how these staff members are doing a fabulous job and that they do not deserved to be verbally abused for their efforts. Sadly, this is what they experience from one or two parents on an almost daily basis. We actively promote respect at this school and want to work in partnership with parents and carers, so I would ask that you too role model appropriate behaviour in front of children at all times. Verbal abuse, acts of aggression and intimidating behaviour will not be tolerated.

I recognise that we are not alone in struggling with the parking at the start and end of the day and this is a national problem for schools in built-up areas. However, knowing that other schools share our pain does not make the reality any less frustrating. We are a very large school with over 900 pupils entering through the front gates each day and, whilst we will actively seek solutions in a time of financial austerity, we would, at this point, only ask that you work in partnership with us and follow the guidance given above.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher

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