



# St Anne's Catholic Primary School



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12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today regarding the health and safety of our children and concerns regarding traffic at the start and end of the school day.

The areas outside school are busy in the morning and often even more so at leaving times. Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of parents who are parking far too close to the entrance or acting inconsiderately, placing children and adults in danger.

Following complaints from a number of residents and parents regarding the behaviour of parents and carers during the aforementioned times, I would like to remind you that it is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to school for everyone and to act as role models at all times when in the presence of children. We can do this in a number of ways.

Firstly, please ensure that bad language isn't used whilst on school premises or in the neighbouring vicinity. Secondly, please consider whether you really need to use your car to make the journey to school at all. Not only is walking a healthier option and better for the environment, but it also helps to alleviate some of the problems we are currently facing at our entrance points.

If you do need to drive, please be considerate to others and ensure you follow these parking rules for collection and drop off:

- Cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag 'School Keep Clear' markings. These markings are to prevent vehicles stopping or parking specifically outside



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the entrances of the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians.

- Please do not park in front of driveways as local residents need to access their properties.
- Cars should not be parked on pathways during drop off and collection times. Please consider the safety of young children and parents with pushchairs who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past.
- A large number of children and parents need to cross the road to get to and from our school entrances. A polite reminder to drivers about keeping to a low travelling speed; the speed limit is 20 mph around the entrances.

Due to the volume of complaints and to help alleviate the issues, Police Community Support Officers have indicated that they will begin to regularly patrol the area outside of our school.

I am sure we are all in agreement that we want to keep our children safe and ensure they aren't exposed to bad language. Your continued support and cooperation is much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs R Crisp

Headteacher