

## **Parent Memo – Car Park Regulations- 12.11.20**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have had three separate visits in school this week from concerned parents who fear that it is only a matter of time before a **serious accident** is going to occur in our Car Parks at school.

Their main concern that they have reported to me and which I have also personally observed, is the number of drivers who are now deciding to use the Car Parks as 'drop off zones' as opposed to actually parking their cars in the marked spaces and allowing their children to safely exit the vehicle.

It is your responsibility to ensure that any children that you are leaving to and collecting from school are safely left off and picked up in a safe manner from their designated entry/exit point!

As communicated earlier this week, it seems that certain drivers are continuing to flagrantly disregard the regulations and markings as follows:

1. parking in the Staff Car Park;
2. parking in the 'Disabled Bays' with no blue badge displayed;
3. parking on the 'double yellow lines';
4. parking in the 'Keep Clear/No Parking' marked box junctions;
5. stopping in the front of the Main School building therefore creating a safety hazard;
6. parking at the main Entrance Gates and therefore creating a safety hazard.

**Regarding 4. above - ... 'stopping in the front of the Main School building therefore creating a safety hazard.'**

**With the school now enjoying the luxury of having not one but two fully operational Car Parks, there is absolutely no excuse for parents stopping in front of the Main School building at any time to 'drop off' children. This unsafe practice creates a build-up of traffic with near misses happening regularly re. drivers wishing to use the parks provided being forced to overtake at the same time as parked cars attempting to reverse out!**

**This obvious health & safety risk for our children needs to stop with immediate effect!**

**I am now instructing you that nobody is to use the front of the school as a 'drop off zone' as there is sufficient car parking spaces in both Car Parks. If anyone continues to disregard this instruction and put our children at risk, then the Board of Governors will be left with no other option other than to remove your permission to enter on to the school premises in your vehicle. We have a number of CCTV cameras at the front of the school which we will not hesitate to check if there are any more incidents reported.**

**We must take every precaution to safeguard and protect our children.**

I have also instructed the teaching staff that, to avoid a potential accident, **no child is to cross the Car Park unaccompanied** and that parents **must collect** their child(ren) from the class line at the front of the school.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation with this serious matter.

Yours sincerely



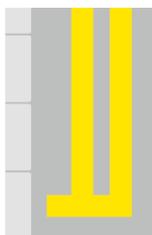
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Principal & Secretary to the Board of Governors

P.S. I have attached overleaf the Parent Memo recently issued via the App regarding these Car Park Regulations.

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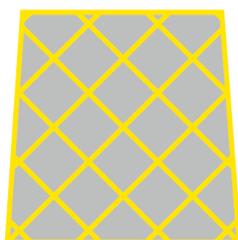
At considerable financial outlay to the school, the Main Car Park was re-lined to enable users to know where and where not to park. As already communicated several times, the Play Park/MUGA Car Park is now open after the construction of the new £1.3 million facility and with this now open it should help things considerably.

For ease of understanding we have used the same road markings as prescribed in the N.I. Highway Code so that no driver should be **in any doubt whatsoever** what each marking means!



No waiting at any time

**Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time!**



Box junction, see Rule 174

**Rule 174: Enter a yellow box junction only if your exit road is clear.**



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**These accessible parking bays are reserved spaces in the Car Park for Blue Badge holders only?**

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**This obvious health & safety risk for our children needs to stop with immediate effect! I am informing you that there is no longer the facility to use the front of the school as a 'drop off zone' as there is sufficient car parking spaces in both Car Parks.**

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