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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are writing to you as a Parent or Guardian of a child who attends this school due to the number of complaints that we are receiving regarding parking issues outside the school.

School Parking has become such an issue that we have had to write this letter.

The majority of Parents / Guardians walk their children to the school but for those who need to travel by car please consider the people you are disrupting due to inconsiderate and often dangerous parking.

Drivers should NOT stop or even drop off or pick up on "SCHOOL – KEEP - CLEAR" markings. Even 5 seconds of inconsiderate parking causes a problem.

Drivers should park well clear of the school entrances.

A stationary car can prevent a driver seeing a child crossing the road. This could be your child

Don't be pressured by bad weather into parking too close to the school – better to have a wet coat than a visit to A & E.

Inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles wholly or partially on the pavement not only cause danger to pedestrians but also commit an offence of obstruction.

Think about access for mothers with prams and pushchairs and people in wheelchairs

Pavements are not constructed to take the weight of vehicles.

The local authority may make a claim against you for the damage caused to the footpath.

You only visit the school twice per day so think about the quality of life for the residents who live around the school area. Parking across or near driveways obstructs the views of those trying to manoeuvre in and out of them.

When residents have asked people blocking their drives to move they have often been met with verbal abuse. This is Anti-Social and unacceptable.

We would appreciate your co-operation in reducing the number of calls we receive in relation to parking issues at the school. Should we continue to receive these calls we will have no other option other than to enforce the law resulting in a parking fine with the local authority.

Thank you

Inspector Rauf

Batley and Spen Neighbourhoods