



STANBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANGEROUS PARKING

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am unfortunately having to write to you again about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking around our school. I know pick up and drop off times are difficult and very busy due to large amounts of children attending Stanbridge and Downend Secondary School, however a small minority of parents from both schools are still parking without any thought for our local residents and the safety of our children.

This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users. In addition the concerns over unsafe parking can be a major barrier to increasing levels of walking and cycling to school.

The Highway Code rule 238 states:

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone) – see ‘Traffic signs’ and ‘Road markings’.

Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see ‘Road markings’) when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

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I also witness cars parked illegally on the grass verges. This costs the council thousands of pounds each year in repairing damage to the verges. These parked cars are also putting our children in danger.

For the past few years I have been in constant discussions with both the local council, parents and the police to see what can be done to solve some of the parking issues. Meetings have been held with our local councillor and the local authority to try to secure funding to increase safety for children walking to school.

Please could you think of the safety of ALL our children and refrain from parking across residents driveways or on pathways/grass verges as this is an offence which could also result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

Thank you in advance for your support in this important issue. Together we can ensure the safety of the children and be more considerate to our local residents.

Kind regards,

Miss F. Bertham
Head Teacher