



Dear Parent/Guardian,

HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT!!
HELP US KEEP THEM SAFE!!

Concerns have been expressed regarding the safety of your children when travelling to and particularly from School as a result of the manner in which some vehicles are being parked around the school site.

It has been noted that some vehicles are being parked on the pavements and stopping on the yellow lines and School Keep Clear No Stopping Markings causing a danger to pedestrians. Residents Driveways and garages are also being blocked.

We take the safety of all children attending this school very seriously and would like to work with all parents/guardians to maximise their safety. We are sure you will agree that the last thing any of us wants is for a child to be injured. There have already been a number of near misses reported.

It is therefore requested that parents think twice before choosing where to park and refrain from parking on pavements, parking on the yellow lines and stopping on the School Keep Clear markings. Consideration to parking away from the immediate vicinity of the school when dropping off and picking up your child and walking a short distance with them to and from the school is to be encouraged. This also promotes the health of your children and you can help them develop their road safety skills for future years.

From a Police point of view it is intended that should vehicles continue to be found to be parked in an obstructive manner despite best advice, Officers will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for the offence of Unnecessary Obstruction which currently costs £30 to offending drivers.

The County Council through their Civil Parking Enforcement Officers could also be targeting the area and any driver stopping on the "No Stopping (School Keep Clear markings), or yellow lines without exception, could face a Penalty Charge Notice which currently costs £70 to offending drivers.

We cannot tolerate the risks to children continuing and it is hoped that by everyone working together we can improve safety around the school site and avoid the need for any enforcement action to be taken.

Your Childs safety is paramount and we thank you for your co-operation !!!