

Friday 13 December 2024

Dear parent,

Re: Parking and Drop-Off Conduct

I am writing to you regarding some serious concerns about parking and drop-off behaviour around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. I have received a number of letters and emails from local residents, who have raised concerns about inconsiderate, unsafe, and sometimes illegal practices by some parents.

Firstly, residents have reported that parents are parking on their driveways without permission, causing frustration and inconvenience. Additionally, some parents are parking illegally on the zig-zag lines and the roundabout, which not only disrupts traffic flow but also puts children at significant risk.

It has also been noted that some parents are stopping in the middle of the road to drop off their children. This is extremely dangerous and poses a serious risk to the safety of our pupils and other road users. Furthermore, residents have described incidents where parents have blocked pavements, forcing pedestrians, including children, into the road and into oncoming traffic.

Additionally, there have been reports of parents dropping off children on the roundabout, pedestrian crossing, and even near traffic lights. In some cases, parents have performed three-point turns immediately after drop-offs, further increasing the danger for both pedestrians and other drivers.

Another alarming issue raised is the behaviour of a minority of parents towards residents. There have been reports of parents acting selfishly, inconsiderately, and even aggressively when approached about these concerns. Such actions are not in line with the community spirit we aim to foster at Grange Park Primary School.

We understand that drop-off and pick-up times are busy, but safety must always come first. Traffic enforcement officers have been monitoring the area. Please note that parking on zig-zag lines, blocking pavements, and other illegal behaviours can result in fines or penalties. Additionally, we have been informed that residents may send dashcam and Ring Doorbell evidence of illegal parking or unsafe behaviour to the Metropolitan Police, which could lead to prosecution.

To ensure the safety of our children and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, we ask that you:

- **Walk or cycle to school** wherever possible, not only to ease congestion but also to promote health and well-being.
- **Park further away from the school** and stride (walk) the rest of the way if you live further afield. This will help reduce congestion directly outside the school gates.
- **Use Old Grammarians or a Supermarket car park**, which is a short walk from the school.
- Be considerate to residents and other road users, showing respect at all times.

I know mornings and pick ups can be busy, but let us all work together to create a safer, calmer, and more respectful environment for our children and the wider community.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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