



CHANTLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PARKING

We ask our parents to park responsibly and safely when dropping off or collecting their children from our school. In the past, we have received numerous complaints from residents about parents' parking habits. The most common complaints referred to parents:

- Parking is too close to junctions, therefore, restricting sightlines.
- Stopping and parking on the 'school keep clear markings' (yellow zig-zag lines).
- Double parking; can restrict access for emergency vehicles.
- Blocking access to and from residents' driveways.
- Parking on pavements blocks access for pedestrians.
- Performing a dangerous manoeuvre with disregard for pedestrians, particularly school children.

Children of a young age have particular difficulty judging the speed of traffic and being able to see clearly in all directions. The zig-zag lines have been installed to help create a space where drivers and children will have better sightlines. In some instances, they also provide a safe place to cross for the School Crossing Patrol. Parking irresponsibly takes away this safe place jeopardising the safety of children attending the school and other pedestrians.

We appreciate that schools are very busy places and that the morning and evening rush hour can place additional stress on drivers and parents. However, we would like the area outside of school to be as traffic-free as possible and certainly less populated by parked cars. Parking further away from school will not only reduce congestion but provides the opportunity for parents to practice and discuss road safety with their child while walking the latter part of the journey.

Please also consider residents and other road users when parking, ensuring that you are not causing an obstruction.

Thank you for your help and support with this matter.

P Barlow
Headteacher