



19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following a number of complaints from parents and residents about illegal and inconsiderate parking around the school site at the start and end of the school day.

This week I have been out on to Brennand and Edinburgh Roads in the morning and evening and have witnessed some shocking examples of parking with blatant disregard for the law and the safety of our children.

For your information please find below a reminder of the road markings outside our school and what they mean for drivers. There is also a list of places where parking is prohibited taken from the RAC website.



Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. You may also find an upright sign, indicating a mandatory prohibition of stopping during the times shown (image 1).

Places where you must not park:

Near a school entrance (image 2) – this includes stopping with the engine running
Anywhere that would prevent access for emergency vehicles

On a bus stop

Opposite or within 32 feet of a junction, except in an authorised parking bay (image 3)

Opposite another parked vehicle (if it causes an obstruction)

In front of an entrance to a property

On a bend

We will be making regular checks and referring people who continue to park illegally and in a manner which endangers our children. This includes:

- Parking fully or partially on the pavement
- Parking in a bus stop
- Parking on the zig-zag lines
- Reversing into the school drive to turn

We are working with Sandwell Road Safety and will be running a campaign with them to make the area safer, this includes road safety engineers coming out to assess the site for traffic calming or safe crossing areas. Sandwell will be using the camera car and traffic enforcement over the next few weeks to raise awareness and enforce the Highway Code.

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Inspire - Believe - Achieve

All of the children; all of the time. Respect - Honesty - Belonging - Compassion - Courage - Ambition



What can you do to help?

- Those living nearby can avoid the cost and inconvenience by walking to and from school
- Consider car sharing with friends or neighbours
- Park further up or down the road and walk a few extra minutes each day
- Allow yourself more time in the morning to find safe and considerate parking

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many families who contribute to the safety of our children and community by following the advice above.

If you have any serious concerns or witness anything that endangers children please let us know but also contact Sandwell Road Safety on the email below or consider contacting our local MP, John Spellar.

Thank you for your support,

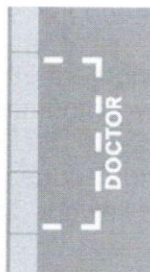
Miss Hart
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Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children



Warning of 'Give Way' just ahead



Parking space reserved for vehicles named



See Rule 243



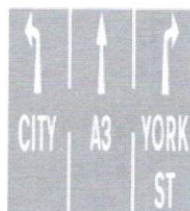
See Rule 141



Box junction - See Rule 174



Do not block that part of the carriageway indicated



Indication of traffic lanes

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