



CAR PARK SAFETY AND COURTESY TO RESIDENTS

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Car Park Safety and Courtesy Code

Car parking at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem at most primary schools. Children and parents arrive and depart in a relatively short period of time and this results in congestion.

The Governors of Pond Park Primary School seek to provide a safe and secure means of access to the school for pupils, staff and visitors, by ensuring that the school car park is used safely and responsibly whilst also minimising disruption to local residents as much as possible.

Difficulties have arisen as a result of:-

- parking or stopping on the Zebra Crossings outside the gates;
- parking or stopping on pavements;
- double-parking and blocking the turning circle;
- verbally abusive behaviour towards other drivers and residents;
- vehicles obstructing residents' driveways for access or exit.

To ensure the safety of everyone accessing school and to show respect to local residents ***the following general safety controls must apply:***

- Pedestrians have 'right of way' at all times;
- Please drive slowly when approaching/leaving school;
- Do not park over the Zebra Crossings;
- Do not enter the staff-allocated parking area (marked);
- Do not enter the side Delivery Car Park;
- Disabled car park spaces are for authorised users ***only***;
- All drivers must exercise due care and attention when manoeuvring in the car park;
- Please ensure that the entrance gates at the front of the school are kept clear to allow access in case of an emergency in school;
- Do not park on the grass area and do not double-park next to the turning circle;
- Parents/carers are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children at all times when in the car park or outside the school gates;
- Ensure that you do not park across residents' driveways;
- Always return to your vehicle as quickly as possible;
- Leave plenty of time for your planned journey.

Help us as a school community to alleviate congestion as much as possible by considering the following:-

- Walking to school if possible;
- Cycling to/from school, even occasionally. *Bicycles/Scooters should be parked in the bicycle racks at the rear of school (chained and locked at owner's risk). School provides cycling proficiency instruction to Primary 6 pupils – cyclists make safer and more considerate drivers in later life! A Cycle Permit can be obtained from Mr Ball;*
- Sharing transport with neighbours or friends;
- Parking a little further from school to walk the remainder of the distance;
- Using Corby Drive and Ballymacash Park entrances as well as Redpoll Avenue;
- Park thoughtfully and show respect to other drivers and local residents. Parking on restricted areas or mounting the pavement is a traffic offence.

Please make every effort to adhere to this Car Park Safety and Courtesy Code. The Principal, along with Governors, will keep this document under review and have the discretion to change the pattern of use or even withdraw the permission to park on the school site if it is felt that the safety of the pupils, staff or visitors is being compromised.

As running your engine unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary pollutes the environment, we encourage you to switch off your engine when possible. Please be mindful of this as you wait to collect your children.