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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you are aware, there was a near miss outside school last week and a child almost got hit by a reversing car. A vehicle that had been parked on the double yellow lines (Rule 238 HC), reversed around the corner and on to the main Tallentire road (Rule 201 HC) where the family were crossing.

I have previously pleaded with parents, on numerous occasions, to follow our parking guidelines and abide by the restrictions we have in place. We fought for the yellow lines, the zigzags, the pavement, the disabled bays, the signs and traffic reminders and yet sometimes they seem to be ignored.

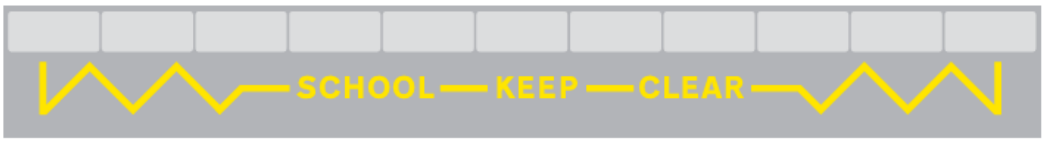
It was fortunate that I had a planned meeting with Judith Chandler from Cumberland Health & Safety team on Friday, she is well aware of the issues surrounding our school and does all she can to help and support. I showed her the near miss forms I had received surrounding this incident.

I am currently awaiting a visit from our PCSO who I will be talking to about tickets and fines, however I have been informed that it is traffic enforcement officers who issue these and not the police. Judith Chandler is in the process of finding out who our enforcement officer is and I will be contacting them (as will she) immediately.

Some parents have suggested that I patrol the parking outside school at the beginning and end of the day and issue tickets and fines to those who contravene our school parking agreement. The governors and I agree that this is a job for the police and enforcement officers.

Below are some links to the Metropolitan Police and the Highway Code – please do read them as well as making an concerted effort to follow our school parking agreement.

## Parking restrictions outside schools




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

## Understanding yellow zigzag markings

Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.
Zigzags can also be found at entrances and exits of hospitals, fire stations, police stations and ambulance stations.
They indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle.
Sometimes there may be an accompanying sign that shows specific times when these restrictions are in place.
Motorists are legally allowed to park on the zigzags outside of these hours.
Both yellow and white zigzags also show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

## Parking on yellow zigzags

You can legally park on yellow zigzags under certain circumstances.
Yellow zigzags without accompanying signs advise motorists not to wait or park there at any time for the safety of children and others. We can and do issue tickets for parking on them, based on causing an obstruction to other motorists or pedestrians.
Some yellow zigzags have a single or double yellow line, which indicate different parking restrictions.

Find out more:

The Highway Code – Parking and Waiting

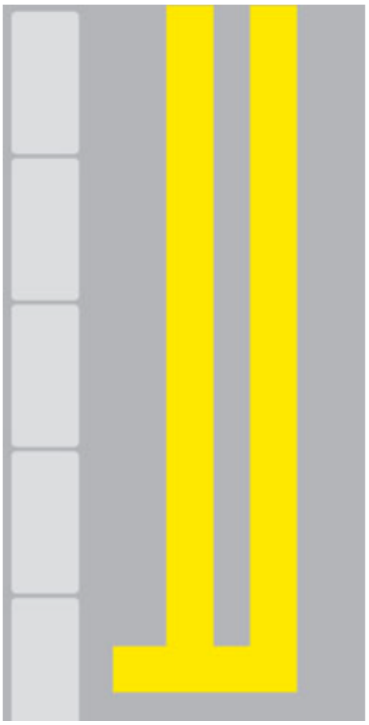
The Highway Code – Road Markings

**Parking outside schools**

Find out about parking restrictions and road safety outside schools

### Waiting restrictions

Waiting restrictions indicated by yellow lines apply to the carriageway, pavement and verge. You may stop to load or unload (unless there are also loading restrictions as described below) or while passengers board or alight. Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time, unless there are signs that specifically indicate seasonal restrictions. The times at which the restrictions apply for other road markings are shown on nearby plates or on entry signs to controlled parking zones. If no days are shown on the signs, the restrictions are in force every day including Sundays and Bank Holidays. White bay markings and upright signs (see below) indicate where parking is allowed.



## Illegal parking

If the vehicle is parked:

- on zig zag lines
- dangerously
- in a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing

You can report these to us online

If the vehicle is parked:

- over a dropped kerb
- on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)
- in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop

Please report it to your local council.

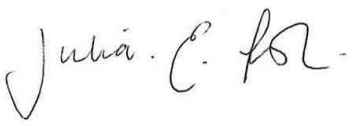
I have written a long email to Mark Jenkinson MP, in the hope that he may be able to support our school with the issue of parking. We need land and money for a car park of our own! If you are able to write to him and ask him to consider supporting us this would be greatly appreciated.

I know that if **everyone** pulls together and ensures they are not rushing or late, we will keep our children safe and everyone will have time to park sensibly.

If you are late please do not panic as your child will be safe waiting for you in school. If you are running late in the morning, due to parking, pop in to the office and let us know and this will be accommodated.

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding tis matter.

Kindest Regards,



Mrs. J. E. Fish