



Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents

We have been made aware of two near miss accidents, involving children, at drop off and pick up times this week. These incidents have been caused due to dangerous and irresponsible parking by members of our school community. This is completely unacceptable and we want to remind all parents of the rules surrounding parking at these times;

- Please do not park on the zebra crossing, the white zig zag lines either side of the crossing or the double yellow lines. These markings are there to allow our children and their families to cross the road safely and parking on or too close them is incredibly dangerous.
- Please do not mount the kerb to park your car on the pavements around school. Due to current restrictions, we have children and parents waiting on these pavements to ensure that they remain a safe distance from other bubbles of children entering and exiting school before them.
- Members of school staff stand out on the school gates at drop off and pick up times. If they see anyone parking dangerously, they will approach them and ask them to move further away. If you are approached by a member of staff and are asked to move your vehicle, please remember that they are doing so for our children's safety. Please do not verbally abuse them.

We understand that parking is limited around school, as it is for most schools. Please can we ask that if you cannot park safely close by, you park further away (there is a large car park in The Jamb, opposite the Post Office) and walk your child to school.

We have been in touch with the Police and the Council regarding these incidents and we hope that we will be able to work together to come up with a permanent solution to this problem shortly.

In the meantime, if you see anyone parking illegally around our school, please contact 101. Alternatively, you can send the details through to office@covs.northants.sch.uk and we will report them for you.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Paula Thomas
Head Teacher