



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Due to past traffic incidents around the entrance on Vivian Road at pick up and drop off times I request that you take a few moments to read this very important letter.

We are shocked that some parents would deem it acceptable to put children at risk just to park a bit closer to school! There is an 'accident waiting to happen' next to our school at any moment. We know many of you are concerned about this.

Parking for any school is always a problematic issue and our school is no exception. We would like to try something new to highlight the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

We have created a "**Parking Pledge**" (on reverse of this letter) with the main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, staff and visitors.

By making the pledge your family will be supporting our commitment to reducing congestion around the school gates, improving road safety and to increase the number of children travelling actively and safely to school.

Our School Council will be greatly involved in this Safer Parking initiative and will collect and collate all pledges returned to school – by the **18th January** please.

While the pledge is voluntary and purely to encourage safe and considerate parking, I will seek legal enforcement for any parent who puts our children at risk. To that end, we will publish the car registration numbers of parking offenders.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those parents who do commit to helping to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

H. M. Cusack
Headteacher



St Mary's Parking Pledge

By taking our voluntary Parking Pledge, you will be helping to ensure that drop off and collection times at St Mary's Catholic Primary School are as safe as possible. We would like you to support us in this and ask that you sign the slip below and return it to school. We will then send you a sticker to display in your car should you wish, to show your commitment to safe parking. This will hopefully encourage others to do the same.

I / We agree to:

- Walk to school whenever possible, including parking further from the school and walking the last bit of the journey
- Obey all road signs on our school site particularly those pictured below.
- Consider the visibility of the school crossing area
- Never park, drop off or pick up across the yellow zig zag lines – this is illegal and dangerous
- Not park on the pavement
- Not block residents' drives – helping us to be excellent neighbours to local residents
- Where possible, to support the School's Travel Plan by allowing my child(ren) to participate in walk to school initiatives, scoot or cycle to school.
- Where possible, to walk to school with my child(ren) to allow the development of road safety skills and/ or use public transport.

Signed..... Print name

Child/rens name

Car Reg No.(s)

