



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Reminder: Please Park Safely Around Our School

I am writing to you about a matter of growing concern: unsafe and inconsiderate parking around our school at drop-off and pick-up times.

We have observed cars being parked on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates, some parents driving into the school car park without prior permission, and we have received repeated reports naming the same small number of vehicles and parents. These behaviours pose a serious risk to the safety of our children, families, and other road users.

To keep everyone safe, we must insist on the following:

- Do not park on the zig-zag lines. These zones are there for a reason – to keep the children safe.
- Do not drive into the school car park unless you have been granted permission.
- Follow all parking rules on surrounding roads and show consideration to other road users and pedestrians.

School staff will be monitoring the entrance at drop-off and pick-up times and will be taking photographs of any vehicles that are parked improperly — especially on the zig-zag lines.

If you notice dangerous or illegal parking around the school, you can report it to Dorset Council. Use the Dorset Council "Parking Problems" reporting page. They have the authority to issue Penalty Charge Notices for parking on zig-zag lines.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/parking-problems>

When reporting, try to provide:

- The exact location (road name, junction, map point if possible)
- Vehicle details: make, colour, registration (if you safely can)
- Any photographic evidence you have

If you are concerned about parking causing a serious obstruction or risk, you may also contact the Dorset Police, particularly if there is a safety hazard. <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-us/>

For antisocial parking-related behaviour, you can report via My Safer Dorset.
My Safer Dorset <https://mysaferdorset.com/>

Our first priority is safeguarding our children. Parking on the zig-zag lines or driving into restricted areas increases the risk of accidents. By following these guidelines, we all help to protect our school community.

We know that most of our parents and carers park responsibly, and we are very grateful. However, the unsafe actions of a small number of individuals can put others at risk, so we kindly ask for the support and cooperation of the whole school community.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and help in keeping our children safe.

Kindest regards



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