



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,

We have been contacted again by local residents regarding concerns about driving, parking and behaviour around school, particularly on Upper School Lane, Lower School Lane and Birch Avenue.

Residents have shared that some vehicles travelling to and from school are driving at unsafe speeds and cutting corners when turning, creating potentially dangerous situations for pedestrians, other drivers, children and pets. Sadly, a pet has already been injured in the area, and there have been several near misses, including one incident this week where a resident was almost hit as a car turned without looking.

In addition to driving concerns, residents and our own parents and carers, have also reported issues with inconsiderate parking, including cars parking on the zig-zag lines.

We have also been asked to pass on a further concern about vaping close to the school gates. We want to emphasise that parents and carers who choose to vape are doing so outside the school grounds and are fully respecting our no-smoking and no-vaping policy on site, but to help us maintain a welcoming entrance for everyone, we would be grateful if those who wish to vape might consider moving just a little further away from the school gates.

To support the safety of our community, one of our school governors has kindly offered, when she is able, to wear a high-visibility jacket and walk the local paths at pick-up times. On these occasions, she will take photographs of any dangerous or illegal parking and forward them directly to the local parking enforcement officer for North Dorset. We would also like to remind parents and carers that 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

We understand that pick-up and drop-off can be busy, and we are grateful for your support in keeping our whole community safe and respected. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Kindest regards



Mrs Rosaleen Beaver
Headteacher

