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WAKEFIELD

The Wakefield Neighbourhood Policing Team are working in coalition with Primary Schools to try and make parents and children aware of the dangers associated around roads particularly at School opening and closure times. There has been a number of incidents where children's safety around the school have been compromised due to lack of thought and laziness. In addition local residents have been unable to enter their driveways due to inconsiderate parking. The Police will be doing follow up visits to the School and will take formal action against offenders after this initial warning. Please read below the excellent work children have done to help produce this letter,

Dear Mum + Dad

Your selfishness may hurt a child – Your Child – ME?

"We understand that some parents have trouble parking their car when dropping children off to school. Unfortunately this has led to people arguing."

"Children sometimes witness the arguments and this is upsetting."

"Many children have been extremely upset by this when they come to school...due to this they can't work properly."

"This is a bad example from parents"

"Please stop parking on peoples' drives and stop the arguments."

"I know it is hard to find parking spaces...I have witnessed an argument and people getting stressed and very emotional. I feel upset."

"You could park your car further away."

"You could save the world and keep your CO2 footprint down by walking."

"If you park on zig zags I can't do the green cross code which may injure me"

"It is far better to dry off our clothing or yours after walking a short distance to the school than have an anxious wait at hospital, because you've parked right outside our school"

"I know you work hard and not always easy but I'd really like to walk to and from school on some days if we cant do every day"

Highway Code Rule 140

Think before you park. DO NOT park your vehicle where it would endanger or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users, for example:

On a footpath, pavement;

Near a school entrance;

At or near a bus stop or taxi rank;

Within 10 metres (32 ft) of a junction;

Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge;

Opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle (if this would cause an obstruction);

Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchairs users;

In front of the entrance to a property.

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

1. Think First

- Find the safest place to cross, then stop
- If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, islands, Zebra, Pelican and traffic light crossings or where there is a police officer, school crossing patrol or traffic warden.
- If you can't find any good crossing places like these, choose a place where you can see clearly along the roads in all directions, and where drivers can see you.
- Never cross on sharp bends or just before the top of a hill.



2. Stop

- Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
- Stand a little way back from the kerb - where you can still be away from the traffic, but where you can still see if anything is coming.

3. Use your eyes and ears

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

4. Wait until it's safe to cross

- If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- Do not cross unless there is a safe gap and you are sure there is plenty of time.
- If you are not sure, don't cross.

5. Look and Listen

- When it is safe, walk straight across the road.
- Always walk across, never run.

6. Arrive Alive

- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.