



St. Philip's
RC Primary School

Monday 15th December 2025

Working Together to Keep Our Children Safe

Dear Families,

I am writing to you regarding parking and unsafe driving around the school at the start and end of the school day.

The safety of our pupils must always come first. Recently, we have seen an increase in unsafe parking and driving on Cavendish Road by a small minority of families attending our school. This has included vehicles speeding, parking on pavements and double yellow lines, and blocking pavements and crossings. Furthermore, there have been two recent incidents where children were nearly hit by vehicles mounting the pavement, creating dangerous situations. This is deeply concerning. Even a near miss is one too many and must be addressed.

We all share a responsibility to keep our children safe. This includes showing respect and patience towards one another and setting a positive example through our behaviour. How we drive and park around the school sends a powerful message to our children about care, responsibility, and respect for others.

We also know that poor weather often increases unsafe parking and driving behaviours. On wet or difficult weather days, I ask that you plan ahead, allow extra time, and consider parking further away from the school if necessary. There are plenty of side streets nearby that are only a short walk from school. These small adjustments can make a significant difference in keeping your children's journey to and from school, and the school surroundings, safe.

Traffic enforcement officers will be patrolling, and increased monitoring will be carried out. However, in their absence, we will also be actively observing and recording unsafe behaviour. While I do not wish to act as law enforcement, the safety of our children must come first. If any vehicle is parked illegally or driven in an unsafe manner during drop-off or collection times, registration details will be recorded and passed on to the relevant traffic enforcement officers for further action. We have a duty to ensure the safety of all children and to address the small minority of parents whose actions are making the school environment unsafe at drop-off and collection times.

Thank you to all the families who consistently show respect, patience, and consideration when parking and driving around the school. Your commitment to setting a positive example helps keep our pupils safe and demonstrates the values of care and responsibility that we hope all children will learn. I urge all parents and carers to please do the right thing and prioritise the safety of our pupils at all times. Please remember that these are your children and our pupils. By working together, showing patience, and making safe choices, we can ensure that everyone arrives at and leaves school safely.

On a separate note, to help ease congestion and create more space, we will also be opening the pedestrian gate by the visitors' entrance during morning drop-off ensuring that children can enter the school safely.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Kind regards,

Miss McNamara



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