



**St. Philip's**  
RC Primary School

4th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of the academic year. Your children have settled back into school wonderfully, and I continue to be very proud of their exceptional efforts and attitudes towards their learning. We are looking forward to the term ahead, with lots of exciting events taking place. I will be writing to you separately regarding our summer term events.

Today, I am writing to you once again regarding parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day.

Unfortunately, despite previous letters and reminders, this issue has once again reared its head. I have written to parents on a number of occasions regarding parking expectations, yet we continue to see unsafe, inconsiderate and, at times, dangerous behaviour from a small minority of families.

I need to be absolutely clear: it is not acceptable to park on yellow lines, pull up on the curb outside school, or stop in ways that compromise the safety of our children, families and wider community.

Please park a little further away from school and walk the final part of the journey. On rainy days especially, I ask that you allow additional time to do this safely. While convenience is understandable, safety must always come first.

I also continue to receive concerns from local residents regarding blocked driveways and inconsiderate parking. The message here is simple: please do not block residents' drives under any circumstances. We value our relationship with our neighbours and ask that all families show consideration and respect to those who live around our school.

I also understand the frustration many parents feel when they witness poor, disrespectful or dangerous parking from others. I know that, in many cases, concerns are raised from a genuine place of wanting to keep our children safe. However, may I respectfully ask that parents do not address these matters directly themselves. While often well-intentioned, these situations can quickly escalate and are contributing to increased tensions within our school community, sometimes in front of our children. Increasingly, disagreements and altercations between adults are taking place at the school gates. This is not behaviour that will be tolerated. Instead, if you witness unsafe or inappropriate parking, please take note of the vehicle registration and report it to school or relevant professionals so that concerns can be addressed appropriately and, where necessary, passed to the relevant professionals.

I would also encourage families to contact the local council to share concerns regarding parking and road safety around school. By raising these issues collectively, it may help the council explore further options to improve safety for everyone in our school community. I have attached the link - [Contact parking services](#)

Most importantly, this is about the safety of our children. We have already experienced collisions and near misses involving vehicles around school. Thankfully, no serious harm has occurred, but this must serve as a stark warning to us all. We should not wait for a serious incident before meaningful change happens.

I would like to acknowledge that this concerns only a small minority of parents. The vast majority of our families park responsibly and respectfully and I thank you for your continued support. I hope this letter reassures you that we take these matters seriously.

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This term, our School Council will be helping to promote safe and considerate parking around school.

I will also be meeting with Salford's Sustainable Transport Coordinator, requesting increased traffic warden patrols, and speaking with our Community Police Officer to explore further options for improving the safety of our pupils at drop-off and collection times.

As adults, we all have a responsibility to be positive role models and set the example for our pupils. Our school mission statement is underpinned by respect and tolerance, values that we expect to see demonstrated by every member of our school community, both in and beyond the school gates. By working together and showing consideration for one another, we can ensure our children see the behaviours and attitudes we want them to learn from.

Thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our children, families and neighbours safe.

Given that our School Fair takes place this evening, I would ask for your full support in ensuring that parking is considerate, respectful and, above all, safe. With a large volume of families arriving at a similar time, it is especially important that everyone follows the guidance outlined above. Please allow extra time for parking, consider parking a little further away from school, and help us ensure that the event is remembered for the right reasons - as a positive and enjoyable occasion for our whole community.

Yours sincerely,

Miss McNamara  
Headteacher