



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with regards to parking on Anne's Crescent and surrounding roads. The school has been contacted a number of times in recent weeks by a local resident whose driveway is being blocked on a daily basis and has asked for our help in reminding all parents, to please park considerately. It is important that the school maintains a positive relationship with our local community and we ask parents to help support us in this regard by showing appropriate consideration when parking.

- Therefore, can I once again remind all parents, **please do not park across the driveway of any of our local residents**. Clearly, such parking prevents local residents from being able to access or leave their own properties as and when they need to, as it is their right to do so, and this could be particularly serious in the case of a medical emergency.
- **In the interest of the safety of all children coming in and out of the school**, may I also remind parents please do not park on any of the yellow road markings close to the school. The yellow zig-zag lines where it says KEEP CLEAR are meant to be kept clear of all traffic at all times.
- Additionally, the issue of parking on grass verges has also been raised, so I ask parents to ensure that they **avoid parking on any of these grass verges**. Local authority signs on Anne's Crescent and the roads surrounding the school state that parking on verges is prohibited.

The school has no powers of enforcement beyond our school gates so we rely on your goodwill on all these matters, but the local authority do carry out regular patrols and can impose a fine payable to them for any of the above traffic offences.

We understand the challenges of parking on Anne's Crescent so to help ease congestion, a reminder that we open our playground each afternoon for parents of children in Classes 1-6 to use for parking at home time. Gates open from 2.40 p.m. and close at 2.55 p.m. Gates then reopen at 3.10 p.m. after all pedestrians have left the site.

Also, we ask all parents in vehicles to maintain a **voluntary one-way system** around Anne's Crescent both in a morning and at home time. Cars should enter from the Queensway side of Anne's Crescent, and exit the crescent at the other side. Doing this significantly helps traffic flow, and we are grateful to parents for your ongoing cooperation with this. Please be particularly careful when driving in the vicinity of the school gates where children and parents are crossing. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to everyone who follows these guidelines each day, helping to keep all of our children safe and showing goodwill towards our local residents.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Strong, Headteacher

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