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To all Parents /Carers

Ref:SSEZ year 5 programme

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re – School Safe environment zone

Swindon Borough Council have undertaken a review of the School Safe Environment Zone outside your school gates over the last 11 months and have paid particular attention to the parking behaviours. As a result of this review and all the factors considered we can confirm in collaboration with Local Ward Councillors and Boroughs Traffic Management & Road Safety Team we will be introducing further measures as part of your School Safe Environment Zone. You can review what is proposed via the following link.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic_management/1147/school_safe_environment_zones_ssez/6

Site works for the SSEZ will be undertaken across 14 sites between 10-23 February, (**weather dependent**), any traffic regulation orders (parking restrictions) relating to these works will be in force from the 24 February 2025. Parking issues around schools are an age-old problem. A lot of schools, especially primary schools, are situated on narrow roads in built-up residential areas, where even homeowners do not have enough space to park their cars.

It should be advised that unless schools have already confirmed, the car parks provided by schools are more often than not, for the benefit of the students and their staff. Most children live close enough to walk or cycle to school. Please consider this option.

If you really must drive, allow time to park safely and considerately, and do not block entrances, driveways, or junctions - you may have to park some distance away from the school and walk the remaining way.

If you can walk, hold your child's hand, especially when crossing roads and teach them correct road safety skills for life. You can play your part in reinforcing the road safety education which your child receives at school

Dangerous parking is an increasing issue around schools, putting the safety of children and others at risk. Parking on zig-zag lines, junctions drop kerbs or pedestrian crossings can cause visibility issues to drivers and people walking the pavements alike.

Drivers should not park near a school entrance. As well as anywhere that prevents access for emergency services, at or near a bus stops, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, over a dropped kerb, and in front of an entrance to a property.

Yellow zig-zag lines (School Keep Clear) indicate the length of the road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. Where there is an upright sign, there is a mandatory prohibition of stopping and/or waiting during the times shown.

White zig zag lines indicate the length of the road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. Normally around a formal crossing for example a Signalised or Zebra crossing.

Stopping or waiting on a double yellow line is strictly prohibited, Double yellow lines prevent vehicle owners from parking or waiting in this area at any time. Exemptions only apply to those that hold a Blue Badge. Unless there is double or single kerb blips accompanying double yellow lines which means no loading and no waiting at any time and therefore this restriction has no exemptions.

Single yellow lines prohibit parking during specific times. A nearby sign will indicate the times in which vehicle owners are not allowed to park on single yellow lines.

Yours sincerely,



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