

# The Parkwise Promise

## Dear Parent/Carer

In an effort to create a safer environment outside our school at the beginning and end of the day we are participating in 'The Parkwise Promise', a Southampton City Council led initiative to target dangerous and inconsiderate parking near to schools.

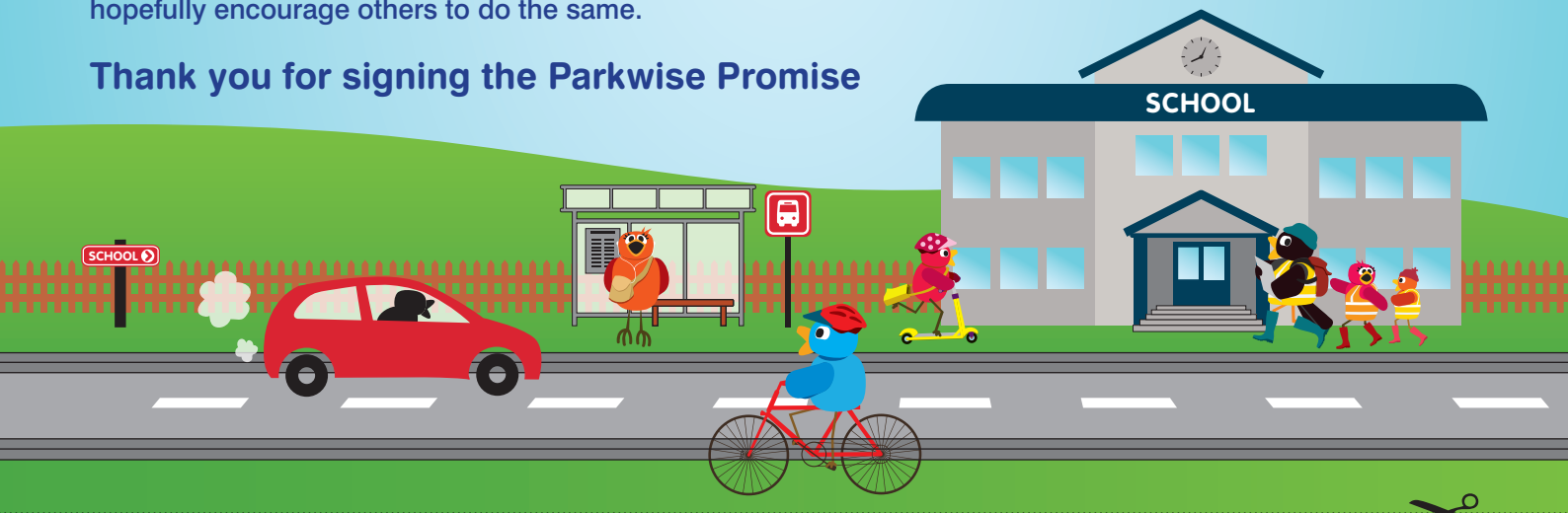
Congestion on the roads around our school in the morning and afternoon poses a risk to our children and their families as they travel into school. This can be reduced by more children walking and cycling either all or part of the way into school. However, the school does recognise that there are circumstances when travelling to school by car is the only option. In this case we ask parents to drive and park with consideration.

Below are some points to consider when parking, some are legal requirements:

- Do not park or stop on the 'School Keep Clear' zig zags
- Do not park opposite or within 10m (approx. 33 feet) of a junction
- Allow pedestrians better visibility by parking clear of any crossing points
- Unless signposted otherwise, do not park on pavements or verges
- Do not block vehicle access points including driveways
- Keep clear of bus stops or designated bus bays

If you would like to support this scheme please sign the tear off slip below and return it to school. You will then be issued with a sticker to display in you car to show your commitment to safe parking and this will hopefully encourage others to do the same.

Thank you for signing the Parkwise Promise



I would like to support the Parkwise Promise and agree to park with consideration and in a responsible manner

I will only travel to and from school by car when necessary

Child's name:  Child's class:

Parent / Carer name:

Signed:

# Parking restrictions



Disabled badge holders only



Do not obstruct point of access



No waiting, at any time



Keep School entrance clear



Do not stop or park at or near a Bus stop



No waiting during times shown on sign



No loading at any time



No loading at times indicated on plate



## Drop and go

If driving your child to and from school is the only option, why not drop them off and pick them up away from the school, perhaps a ten minute walk away? There are lots of benefits:

- Walking improves fitness and health (The walk could contribute to the one hour of recommended daily physical activity).
- Your child will be more alert in class.
- It may reduce your fuel consumption and therefore your costs.
- You will avoid any congestion near to the school.
- It will give your child an opportunity to be more independent.