



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Date: Friday, 21 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am unfortunately having to write to you about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking at the back of school on All Hallows Road. I appreciate pick up and drop off times are difficult, however a small minority of parents (nursery and school) are continuing to drop off/park on the double and single yellow lines outside school without any thought for our local residents. This week, I have had conversations with some of our residents who are very unhappy about cars being parked across their driveways, on the single and the double yellow lines, being rather abusive towards them and throwing rubbish in their driveways. This is obviously both dangerous and illegal. This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that do walk and cycle to school, as well as to other road users.

The Highway Code rule 238 states:

'You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

Law RTRA sects 5 & 8

Mr Silcock places signs outside every morning and afternoon to indicate not to stop within this single and double lined area.

I appreciate that parking is a problem, like many schools. We have an **unofficial agreement** with the Red Lion pub to use their carpark (if we keep to their rules), side streets at both entrances are available, the church car park and the car park within Bispham village are all alternatives for you. I have been in touch with the local police/council to help monitor this situation.



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I have apologised to our neighbours on behalf of St Bernadette's and thank you in advance for your support. I am sure we can work together to ensure the safety of our children, to be more considerate to our local residents and to continue to live up to the school mission and be good role models for our children, **'We teach our children how to treat others with respect and how to carry themselves through life as kind and thoughtful people.'**

Yours sincerely,

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