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Continued Dangerous Parking

Dear parent / carer

We currently have several parents / carers who continue to park dangerously at drop off and collection times. As you can appreciate, all our children's and parents / carers safety is of the utmost importance to us.

You will have recently received a letter regarding the legalities of parking on double yellow lines and yellow zig zag lines. This is adhered to by most of our parents / carers and for that we are greatly appreciative.

Unfortunately, we have had reports of parents / carers parking close to where our lollipop crossing officer is working. This causes blind spots and thus increases danger when our children and parents are crossing at what should be a safe spot. Having witnessed myself the issues caused by such parking, I have to say that this is an accident waiting to happen. My serious concerns regarding this matter have been shared with the local authority.

It has also been reported, and witnessed by myself, that some blue badge owners are parking close to this safe crossing space. I wish to remind those parents /carers of the following guidance as stated by government guidelines related to blue badge parking. The following information can be checked @

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england#:~:text=A%20Blue%20Badge%20will%20help,are%20covered%20by%20separate%20rules.>

The guidance states:

Safe and responsible parking

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. If you park where it would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users you could be fined or receive a Penalty Charge Notice or have your vehicle removed.

Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users.

Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking include the following, although there are others:

- *school entrances, bus stops, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge*
- *parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space*
- *where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks*
- *where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances*
- *where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out, such as hospital entrances*



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- where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users
- on a pavement, unless signs permit it

Who can use the blue badge?

The badge is for your use and benefit only. It must only be displayed if you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or if someone is collecting you or dropping you off and needs to park at the place where you are being collected or dropped.

Don't allow other people to use the badge to do something on your behalf, such as shopping or collecting something for you.

- *You must never give the badge to friends or family to allow them to park for free, even if they are visiting you.*
- *You should not use the badge to allow non-disabled people to take advantage of the benefits while you sit in the car.*
- *It's a criminal offence to misuse a badge. This includes people other than the badge holder taking advantage of the parking concessions provided under the scheme.*

Please be aware that a senior member of Thrunscoe staff will be stationed at the lollipop crossing zone on a daily basis for the immediate future in order to monitor such dangerous parking; should the aforementioned government guidance be breached we will report this to road enforcement and the police. Your safety and that of your children is of the greatest importance.

Your support is sought immediately on this matter and greatly appreciated.

Kindest Regards



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