

27th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to ask for support about the following issue. We have had concerns raised by passers-by about unsafe driving behaviours outside our school, on Newton Road, as children are being dropped off in the morning.

In response to this, and in an attempt to ensure the safety of our students, and other drivers on the road, I would like to draw your attention to the regulations on stopping on the white zigzag lines approaching the zebra crossing.

*"You **MUST NOT** park on a crossing or in the area covered by the zig-zag lines.*

*You **MUST NOT** overtake the moving vehicle nearest the crossing or the vehicle nearest the crossing which has stopped to give way to pedestrians"*

Laws ZPPPCRGD regs 18, 20 & 24, RTRA sect 25(5) & TSRGD regs 10, 27 & 28

The approach to, and exit from, a pedestrian crossing is marked with zigzag lines. It also means you must not park on them or overtake the leading vehicle when approaching the crossing. Parking here would block the view for pedestrians and the approaching traffic. Therefore, by stopping on the zigzag lines to let your children out, even for a minute, is forcing other drivers to overtake you, causing another safety issue.

In addition to this, it has been pointed out to us that on occasions children are being let out of the parked vehicles onto the road side, potentially in the path of oncoming traffic.

The safety of your children is paramount to us and we urge you to work with us to ensure their continued safety when arriving and picking up from school.

We are also aware that other drivers using Newton Road may not respect the road safety regulations, and if you have concerns about unsafe practices by other drivers we advise you to contact the Police.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Kerry Mills
Principal