

Tuesday 13th October 2015

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

As half term approaches we find ourselves sending out a second letter within a month concerning inconsiderate and dangerous parking before and after school. Whilst the majority of our parents/carers park with due care and are respectful of our neighbours, a minority continue to display no consideration whatsoever and are preoccupied with picking up/dropping off as quickly as they possibly can. It is completely unacceptable to park across resident's driveways. In doing so you are directly stopping somebody from having the freedom to go about their business as they wish. Having spoken with residents recently it would appear they are now in a position where taking registration plates and reporting the matter to the police is the only way to try and resolve their frustration in this ongoing issue. We as a school have also requested the registration details in order for us to be vigilant and address the matter alongside the PCSOs you will have seen patrolling in recent weeks. St Mark's school will continue to grow in number over the next four years and your support in helping to manage the increase with minimal disruption for the surrounding community is vital. Everybody leads a busy life and from time to time will be running late. However the reckless parking displayed from a minority is tarnishing the reputation of the school and impacting significantly on those in our community who do not even have children attending the school.

In addition, despite constant reminders, we are still witnessing parents/carers ignoring guidance around parking in front of the school gates. The single yellow line on the left hand side as you approach is there to stop parking in that particular area to aid in preventing traffic congestion and to ensure pedestrian access is safe. *This includes picking up/dropping off.* **Furthermore can we stress once again that parents/carers are not permitted to use the school car park regardless of the time of day unless they have a problem with mobility or are collecting a sick/injured child.** Many people are still using it to drop off for WASP breakfast club. Staff need to access the school from 7:30am each day and unnecessary delays in waiting for or finding a space to park are not welcome.

To conclude we all know the traffic in and around the Worsley area is never going to make for the quickest journey in and out of our school. All we are asking, on behalf of the school and the residents, is that you allow for a few minutes extra in order for you to be able to park up responsibly when dropping off/picking up your children.

Please help to keep our children, yourselves and the local community safe and happy.

Thank you for your attention.