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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the situation regarding parking and dropping off children outside of the school. I understand that we have limited space and that a carpark for parents would be the ideal solution but unfortunately we are not in that position yet. I have noticed that many parents park on the zigzags, yellow lines or grass verges which block the corner and some people do not park at all but instead simply stop the car in the middle of the road and let children out. This worries me a great deal and I know that it worries some of you too.

Can I please make a plea to everyone that you carefully consider where you are parking or stopping your car so that we can keep all of the children safe.

Derby City Council Notice

Parking on the 'school keep clear' markings outside schools in the mornings and afternoons is a significant safety issue and results in many complaints being received by both our Parking Services and Neighbourhood teams.

While we cannot control the majority of parking near schools, it is possible for us to manage the 'keep clear' areas where inconsiderate stopping or parking creates danger for pedestrians as well as causing congestion.

We have reviewed the 'keep clear' markings outside all the schools we patrol and introduced Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO). These TROs seek to discourage drivers from stopping or parking in the 'keep clear' areas during certain times in the morning and afternoon.

P.T.O.

As the Head Teacher of Shelton Junior School, I take my 'Duty of Care' very seriously. Every one of your children is precious to me and it is my job to keep them safe. I would not be safeguarding the children in my care if I dismissed anything that happened outside the school gates or beyond.

The Highway Code clearly states that '*You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings*'. This is obviously to ensure that a child can see a vehicle and a vehicle can see a child.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who do park some distance away or leave the house earlier in order to avoid any congestion. Together, we will ensure that all of the children arrive and leave school safely. My shoulders are broad enough to take any abuse that I might receive in moving cars on, but their legs are not fast enough to dodge a car. Please don't let this happen to one of our children.

Thank you for your support.

Regards

Mrs AM Cheadle
Head Teacher