



# Orchard Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Parking Concerns**

We have received a number of complaints recently from both parents and residents about the poor and inconsiderate parking close to school.

Most accidents involving children outside schools occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars. Parking restrictions and marked areas on the roads are there for a reason – to keep children safe. The safest option when dropping off or picking your child up is to park away from the school and take a short walk to the gates.

We speak to the children regularly about road safety and keeping safe when crossing the road. You can help us to ensure children have a happy and safe journey into school each morning by:

- Not parking on zig-zag lines or keep clear markings.
- Not parking across dropped kerbs or drives.
- Not parking on footpaths.
- Not parking on grass verges.
- Not stopping to drop children off in the centre of the road.
- Parking safely and being considerate of children and residents by not causing an obstruction.

Regrettably, we have also received reports of parents being verbally abusive to pedestrians, other car drivers and residents. This is both upsetting and unacceptable. If someone is found to be being abusive whilst on the school premises this may result in them being banned from coming into the school grounds. Please can we also remind you that that the car park is for staff only.

The local PCSO, together with the Parking Enforcement Officer, will be patrolling all schools over the coming weeks in the mornings and afternoons to make sure that everyone is taking extra care when they are dropping off and picking up pupils.

You can find more information on parking outside schools here:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/parking-outside-schools/>

Kind Regards

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