

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Road Safety Initiative

It is only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured outside of the school due to drivers stopping in contravention of road traffic regulations during drop off and pick up times.

In the circumstances, I would like to inform you that Ealing Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team will be carrying out patrols with the assistance of the local authority civil enforcement officers outside the school, to improve road safety and adherence to the road traffic regulations.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the offences and penalties for these and to ask for your cooperation.

- **Stopping within the zebra controlled area** (white zig zags) is an endorsable offence. A fixed penalty notice attracts 3 penalty points and a charge of £100. The vehicle can also be towed away at the driver's expense.
- **Stopping within the prohibited area outside the school** (yellow zig zags) at the proscribed time attracts a penalty of £50.
- **Causing an unnecessary obstruction** of the highway (including obstructing driveways) attracts a penalty of £50. Please note that if the obstruction is deemed dangerous this offence is endorsable and thus attracts 3 penalty points and a charge of £100. The vehicle can also be towed away at the driver's expense. If an accident occurs the driver can also face being charged by the Police for Dangerous Driving.
- **Parking on a single yellow line during the prescribed times** attracts a penalty of £160, which can be reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days from the date of issue. This is enforced by the local authority civil enforcement officers. Also the local authority has powers in relation to parking contraventions. As a result, they are able to issue parking charge notices for the aforementioned offences for the sum of £160 which can be reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days from date of issue.

If you are a driver you can assist us in improving road safety in the vicinity of the school by:-

- Only driving children to school if absolutely necessary
- Parking safely away from the school main entrances
- Not stopping on white or yellow zig zag lines
- Not parking on single yellow lines
- Not parking across driveways
- Arrange a meeting point to collect your children away from the school
- Allowing more time to drop off/pick up your children

If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me or any member of my team.

Yours sincerely,

Ealing Broadway Safer Neighbourhood Team

