

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Monday 17th May 2021
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Dear Parent/Carers,

I have had a number of parents/residents contact me recently raising serious concerns about road safety at the start and end of the day.

Though it is recognised that most of our parent/carers park responsibly, unfortunately there are still some drivers who are putting our children at risk. There is a serious concern that unless all drivers take greater responsibility, we will see someone hurt. In addition, this morning, one of the local residents could not get out of their back road because of inappropriate parking.

In order to try and alleviate the situation and to reinforce our concern, the School Senior Leadership will be out at the start and end of the day with visi vests, to ask cars to move on if they stop in an unsafe place. This should not be necessary and is not a good use of staff time.

Please DO NOT:

Stop/park in the middle of the road to drop/pick up your child

Park on the yellow zigzags

Stand on the road whilst waiting for your child

Allow your child to walk/run on the road

Allow your child to cycle up the centre of the road

Please try and follow the one way system (entering Argyle Street from Hill Fall and exiting at Chapel Street) though we recognise that there is no signage and it is not enforceable. Those not linked to the school community will not be aware of this and, of course, it will not be possible if cars are already parked in the wrong direction on the street. We will ask staff to try to park in the right direction if they need to leave at peak time to help the situation.

We recognise this is not an easy situation, with social distancing/staggered starts and now traffic lights on Argyle Street. Please work with us to keep our children safe.

This week is Walk To School Week. If you live too far away to walk, why not park a few streets away to help alleviate the problem and walk in some of the way.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mrs Helen Pearson, Headteacher