



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

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Dear Parents

CROSSING EMPINGHAM ROAD AT DROP OFF/COLLECTION TIMES AND DROP OFF ZONE

We have noticed that there is an increasing number of parents parking on the estate opposite the school each day. Please be aware that any herringbone brick roads are privately owned and are not public highways.

In addition, parents are continuing to park on the grass outside the zig zag lines. This causes an obstruction to traffic and makes it very difficult for drivers to see children and adults crossing the road.

If you are parking legally on the estate opposite, we would remind you that Mrs Hutchinson will assist you and your children to cross the road. It is much safer for you to walk the few metres to the office crossing place than to cross in other places.

Children who walk to school alone should always be advised to cross with Mrs Hutchinson, even if it means walking a little bit further along a pavement.

With regard to the drop off zone, please be aware that our staff members do not start work until 0840 each morning and use the school bell, at that time, as a guide to when their working day starts. Often by then, cars are already in the layby and backing up onto Empingham Road which is causing congestion. If parents could stagger their use of the zone, coming slightly later, this would certainly help, so that cars are not causing an obstruction. The alternative will be that the layby is closed off entirely until the drop-off zone starts at 0840, preventing parking until staff are in place.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Tim Cox
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