



25th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to express serious and ongoing concerns regarding the continued misuse of the yellow zig-zag "**Keep Clear**" markings outside our school at the start of the school day, at the end of the normal school day at 2:55pm and again at the end of after-school clubs at 4:00pm. All of these times are busy outside of school and we are concerned that motorists are risking the safety of our children due to their actions.

Despite repeated reminders, a number of drivers continue to park, wait, or stop on these clearly marked areas at both our front and back gates. These lines exist **solely to protect children's safety**. Parking on them is not only inconsiderate - **it is dangerous**. It blocks visibility for children and adults attempting to cross, restricts sightlines for other road users, and prevents staff from ensuring that children can leave school safely.

Over recent weeks, we have witnessed several incidents where children have been forced to cross between stationary cars or step into the road without a clear view of oncoming traffic. This behaviour is unacceptable and places our pupils at **significant risk of harm**.

We would also like to make you aware that our Westacre MPs have raised their and other pupils' concerns about the ongoing parking situation during their recent parliament meetings. They have asked us to share their message urging all parents and carers to be far more mindful of children's safety when dropping off or collecting at the school gates.

As part of their commitment to improving safety for our school community, the MPs have made a number of suggestions, including parking surveys and continued collaboration with the local authorities and police. They also requested school purchase traffic cones to help keep the area outside of the front gates safe for them and their fellow pupils to cross the road safely. You will start to notice these being placed outside the gates before and after school in the coming weeks. Here are the children deciding where to place the cones earlier this week:

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We ask all parents and carers to take responsibility for their actions, follow the highway rules, and show consideration for the children and families who rely on these areas being kept clear for safe crossing. Thank you to the majority of families who already follow these expectations consistently. We urge everyone to do the same.

As a reminder, the following options for parking have been shared with parents on numerous occasions previously:

Morning arrangements

- Parents/Carers can use the turning circle/bus bay to drop off their children but should not leave their vehicles parked there as school buses do drop children off there.
- If your child is dropped off in the turning circle/ bus bay they should then walk along the path into school via the main school gate. They should not cross the service road at the top of the bus bay and use the back gate into school. This can be dangerous due to high volumes of traffic at this time of day, and we ask parents to support us with this.
- We also ask parents not to stop at the junction at the top of the service road to drop their children off as this causes traffic delays for other road users. We have received numerous complaints about this from other parents and are aware that the local council are monitoring this situation.

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• Parents/Carers can also use the Leisure Centre overflow car park and children can enter school via the back gate by either walking up from the car park themselves, or accompanied by a parent.

After school arrangements at 2:55pm

- Please do not use the turning circle/bus bay as it is used for school transport.
- Parking is available at the Leisure Centre overflow car park, at the end of the day. After school, parents/carers can either arrange to meet their child at the back gate or pupils can leave school to walk and meet their parent/carer on the car park.

After school clubs at 4pm

- We know it is also exceptionally busy after school when clubs finish, and again, a member of staff will escort children to either the front gate or back gate. Parents can choose to collect from either gate.
- The Leisure Centre overflow car park remains available for parents to use at this time.
- The turning circle/bus bay can be used for parking at this time and children can be collected from the main entrance. Again, there is limited parking, and we ask parents not to park on any zigzag lines.

We would like to remind families that the visitor disabled parking bay in our staff car park is reserved for those who have specific access needs. If you feel that you require use of this space when dropping off or collecting your child, please contact the school office. We will be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's needs and put an appropriate health care plan in place where required. This helps us ensure that we are providing safe and suitable support for all pupils.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in ensuring that the roads around our school are a safe place for all members of our community as we all have a role to play in ensuring the safety of our pupils comes before convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Evans

Headteacher