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WHAT WILL IT TAKE – AN INJURED CHILD, AN ACCIDENT??

Despite regular requests, parking still remains a **HUGE** problem around school and we are constantly fielding complaints from irate parents and residents who are extremely concerned that inconsiderate and illegal parking could result in an accident or an injured child.

I am not certain that this is the best use of school time writing constant parking reminders. Staff have been directed by the Governing Body not to confront parents/carers due to unpleasant confrontations in the past. **MY ADVICE STILL STANDS**; if you witness any inconsiderate or illegal parking to notify the Police with the registration number of the offending car – a photograph too, speaks volumes.

I do not want to appear patronising but none of the previous notifications in the newsletter seem to be being heeded and in most cases, it is always the same offenders. All of us driving and parking cars have had to sit a driving test. We all are well aware of how to park safely and legally, or should be - **REMEMBER YOUR HIGHWAY CODE**. The double yellow lines around school are there for a reason and for the safety of children attending school and other members of the community, please **DO NOT** park on these double yellow lines. It is imperative that parents/carers **DO NOT** pull up on the zig-zags to let their children get out of the car, **DO NOT** park your car half on the road and half on the pavement (so people with buggies have to use the road to walk around you) and **DO NOT** park on the grass verge on the other side of Scammonden Road – there are **NO EXCUSES**. It is dangerous and will result in an accident or an injured child. This applies to all – including parents/carers of children at Kids Club as children are coming and going all the time from 7.25am to 6.00pm.

We have specifically arranged with Barkisland Cricket Club for parents to use their car park before and after school. It is only a few minutes walk away and we have a Road Crossing Patrol officer on duty at the crossroads before and after school. **There are no excuses for people to be parking inconsiderately or illegally**. We have also altered the timings of the school morning to try and reduce congestion on the roads around school and alleviate parking issues. There could be certain circumstances where parents/carers need to use the school car park, please contact school should this be the case. We will continue to direct the residents of Pinfold Close and Long Meadow, when they complain about parents/carers parking across their driveways or grass verges that are actually the front gardens of residents' houses, to take pictures and report to the Police. **Thank you to those parents/carers who do park considerately and legally.**

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