

**Councillor Call for Action (CCfA):  
Obstructive and Illegal Parking around Whitehouse Primary School**

**LETTER TO PARENTS / CARERS**

November 2019



## WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

**Parking near Whitehouse Primary School**

I recently attended a meeting with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Crime and Disorder Select Committee, following a Councillor "call for action" on the issue of parking.

Please be assured that this letter does not imply that you are not taking a responsible attitude to bringing your child to school. We wanted to make sure that every parent was aware of the concerns being expressed.

There was a large number of local residents in attendance who, were very concerned about the parking behaviour by some parents, in the areas close to the school that are subject to a Traffic Regulation Order.

The residents and Councillors were very supportive of the school in attempting to address the issue of inconsiderate and illegal parking by some parents. The Council are exploring further enforcement action options including issuing of more parking tickets and a Public Space Protection Order.

I am sure as a parent who takes the issue of responsible parking as part of school community seriously, you will support the school and the Council, in seeking to address this issue through education rather than enforcement.

The school will continue to work with our children to promote the wider principle of being a "good citizen" including on this difficult issue. Your ongoing support for school ensuring it is a good neighbour is much appreciated.

Kind Regards

*Ian Brown*

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Chair of Governors

**PARKING PLEDGE**

Whitehouse Primary School

Parking Pledge

Parking in the area around the school has been and continues to be a very sensitive issue with local residents, parents, the council and school. As a school we strive to develop good relationships between our school community and our neighbours.

We would like to:

- 1) Have a high regard for the health and safety of all
- 2) To reduce the number of cars being driven to school
- 3) To reduce the volumes of traffic outside the school
- 4) To improve the parking situation surrounding the school
- 5) To improve opportunities for better health and well-being for all

In the interest of safety we ask parent/carers to:

- Keep to the parking restrictions – zig-zag, single yellow restriction lines, white lines, School 'Keep Clear' markings
- Keep the pathways clear for pedestrians
- Keep the roads clear – refrain from parking on both sides of the roads
- Keep neighbouring driveways clear
- Keep junctions clear
- Keep the main entrances and exits to school clear
- Do not use the school car park unless you have been given a school parking permit
- Dismount all cycles and scooters at the school gate
- Tie only well behaved dogs away from the immediate pedestrian entrance/exit

We would ask all parent/carers to commit to:

- Park away from school in car parks such as the nearby Elm Tree Shops and Sainsbury's and walk the few minutes to school
- Support the School by allowing children to participate in walk to school initiatives, scoot or cycle to school ensuring they are wearing a helmet
- Support children to develop road safety skills and use public transport
- Arrange to car share with other parents where possible
- Not park across driveways, verges or footpaths
- Let children out or help children out of the car in a safe manner i.e. in a car park or out on to a footpath

I understand that as a parent/carer of a child at Whitehouse I have an association and therefore a responsibility to act in a reasonable and respectful way while coming to and from school. I commit to the Parking Pledge.

Childs Name ..... Class .....

Name of Parent/Carer: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

September 2020

**Parking**

There are many families walking, cycling, scootering to school which is good to see. A reminder that there is parking available at Sainsburys and behind the Elm tree shops for those families who want to park and stride. Please do not drive around or park at the bus bay at the Dunelm Road entrance, as we need this to be clear to enable families to wait and socially distance. It is also a very busy pedestrian route for families and children crossing the roads. Let us continue the great community attitude we saw through the early months of the Pandemic of everyone caring for and keeping each other safe.



November 2020

Thank you to those parent/carers who continue to support the school by wearing face coverings, only one parent/carer to collect children and to communicate via the home learning email rather than coming on to the school site. Thank you also to the drivers who are considerate towards our neighbours and park away from school using the Elm tree Shops and Sainsbury's car park.

**Parking on the pavements risks lives, costs money for repairing the pavements and is nuisance to others!**

December 2020

A reminder that there is **free parking** at the back of the Elm Tree Shops and Sainsbury's where it takes **less** than five minutes to walk to school. It could be a New Year's resolution to park and stride? **Do not park on the pavements around school you are creating a danger for those who walk and damaging the paving stones.**

April 2021

**Park and Stride**

Thank you for your continued support in parking away from school and walking to school. This helps to ensure the safety of all our children. Parking is available at Sainsbury's and the back of Elm Tree Shops, it only takes a few minutes to walk from here. Why not plan a few extra minutes into your day for this daily walk leading to an increase in a healthy lifestyle and a chance to chat to the children?

### Parking around School


You will have noticed frequent visits to school by the enforcement officers. This is to deter inconsiderate drivers from parking on restrictions and on the pavements, which create a hazard for those coming to and from school. It appears that the few drivers who create this problem have become a focus for the candidates in the local councillors' elections and the parking at Whitehouse has appeared in their leaflets and local media reports. Such a shame as the majority of our families do park away from school and walk or walk from home to ensure all our children and families are safe. Thank you to those families.

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES


March 2021

- Parents/Carers are encouraged to travel to school in a sustainable manner and with consideration for the school neighbours –**parking away from the school entrances** and walking from home or the Elm Tree shops and Sainsbury's car parks.


## SCHOOL POSTERS



### OUR SCHOOL IS NOT A PARKING LOT



Our school is a safe environment for children. Cars are starting to invade our area, which could cause our children's safety to become endangered.



Cars are a great invention but if used too much then can become bad for your self, it can make you: over-weight, unhealthy and it is also teaching your children that driving is better than walking.

Please take notice of our words, we do not just say this to annoy you, we really do care.

From the children of Whitehouse



**DON'T PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES.**

As shown in the picture the children were nearly knocked over by the car, we DO NOT want this to happen in the real environment, do we?



As shown in this picture, the child is walking over the road to school, but the car is about to knock the child over and make her seriously injured. We can make a stop to it though if the cars would not park in front of the school gates.

Please can you walk to school or take your car to ether Elm-tree shops or Sainsbury's shops and walk the rest it can keep you fit and healthy to walk.

**Thank you.**