



**ST. NORBERT'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Parking and driving in and around the school site and the estate**

I am forced to write because I have become increasingly concerned over the number of incidents of careless and dangerous driving and parking in and around the school site. I recognise that what I have to say will not apply to the majority of parents but it is important that everyone is made aware of these concerns and that we work together to address them.

Safety for all our children and adults is paramount but there have been several instances of parents driving too quickly to school along Tollgate, potentially risking injury or worse to other road users and to pedestrians. There is a Safety Zone around the school entrance, with a 20 mph speed limit, to help keep our children safe. Please respect it and drive safely to and from school.

Parking around the school site and the estate is causing problems for parents and for our neighbours. The vast majority of drivers do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines of the School Safety Zone, which we really do appreciate. However, there are issues with parking at the top end of Tollgate as it meets Pennygate, outside the bungalows on the left-hand side of the road. Our neighbours have contacted me to complain that they are unable to move their vehicles on and off their properties because of cars being parked at the end of the yellow zig-zag lines and either blocking them in entirely or forcing them to mount the opposite kerb, causing damage to their vehicles and to the pavement.

I have been informed that one of our parents has parked on the drive of a bungalow opposite the school, which is private property. In addition, I have received complaints from neighbours about vehicles parked on grass verges and greens elsewhere around the estate, causing damage to these locations.

I am sorry to be listing a string of grievances but the consequence of all this is twofold:

- 1) dangerous driving and parking puts our children and others at risk of injury or worse;
- 2) continuing to behave inconsiderately harms the school's reputation locally and will make it more difficult for us to be seen as a school that values being part of its local community.



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What can we do? As well as be careful and considerate when driving and parking, we could also think about travelling to and from school in other ways. Many of our parents and children walk, cycle and scoot to school and are earning 'Walk to School' badges, as well as having healthy exercise.

Please be considerate and careful in driving and parking when carrying our children to and from school in motor vehicles. Keep our children safe and help ensure a positive relationship with our neighbours.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

*Joseph Burns*

Mr Joe Burns  
Headteacher

