Windy Arbor Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to address an ongoing concern regarding the parking around the school site, particularly in the surrounding residential streets. We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about cars blocking driveways, parking on pavements, and causing disruption during drop-off and pick-up times.

I must remind all families that our neighbours have the right to access their homes safely and without obstructions. Parking across driveways, on private property, or in a way that restricts visibility or pedestrian access is not acceptable and does not reflect the respectful values we promote as a school community.

Please ensure that when you park:

- You do NOT block driveways or access points.
- You avoid stopping on pavements, grass verges or in front of residents' homes.
- You follow all road making and local parking regulations – directly outside school is a restricted area and should only be used be permit holders *(see attached letter detailing the current School Streets restrictions)*.
- You drive slowly and with care, prioritising the safety of all children and families.

We ask for your full cooperation so that our relationship with our neighbours remains positive and our children can arrive and leave school safely.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Curry

Headteacher

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What are School Streets? It's a nationally recognised project to promote sustainable travel and reduce the impact of school gate parking. A School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone.

Road danger. It is a sad reality that up and down the country, roads around schools have become plagued with a surge of traffic concentrated over a 50-minute period at drop off and pick up times. School run related traffic accounts for a quarter of cars on the road. This results in increased risks of collisions, unlawful parking, traffic jams & road rage.

Solihull Council therefore introduced 'School Streets', a project which aims to address such issues by limiting traffic in the streets surrounding schools at key times, creating a predominantly car free zone.

We aim to create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone around schools. The scheme promotes active travel to school by walking and cycling, which in turn, will help to reduce congestion and pollution in the area.

Gateway signage is in place at each entrance to the School Streets, displaying the times the restriction is in force.

Windy Arbor Primary School, restrictions are between 8.25am to 9.10am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm and cover a portion of Woodlands Way.

How will it be enforced? The Police have powers to enforce the restrictions. Anyone caught driving through the restricted zones whilst the restriction is in force without a valid permit or exemption can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

All residents living in the streets affected are issued with two permits. If you require additional permits please contact schoolstreets@solihull.gov.uk

Vehicle exemptions.

- any vehicle displaying a valid School Streets permit
- council vehicles and statutory undertakers serving properties within the restricted roads
- emergency services, doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers
- delivery and postal services
- school buses and school transport serving the school within the restricted roads
- public transport
- taxis (Hackney Carriage and private hire) serving properties within the restricted roads
- Blue badge holders
- Tradespeople serving properties within the restricted roads

The School Street scheme will encourage a healthier lifestyle and active travel to school for families and lead to a better environment for everyone. If you require further information take a look at

https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Solihull-school-streets