



# ST. LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LEO'S NURSERY



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Dear Parents

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I am very concerned that I am still seeing a few parents/drivers parking outside school and blocking the vision of our very dedicated school crossing patrol person. As the authority can no longer afford to supply crossing patrol for all schools we may, in the future, not have this safety measure available to us! This will add to the risk for our children and parents so we need to work together to keep our children safe. Since starting back in September there have been several incidents where a child or adult have nearly been hit by vehicles. This is unacceptable.

Those parents/drivers that are continuing to ignore advice about where to park are not only putting their own children at risk on a daily basis but also the children of other families. St Leonard's Avenue is a busy road and the risks are high.

Drivers should not be:

- mounting the pavements resulting in near misses with children and parents, then proceed to park half on the footpath and half on the road, blocking the children's pathway
- parking on the lines directly outside of the school which make it difficult and dangerous for children who use the school crossing patrol
- opening their car doors on the road side and letting the children just get out of the car and cross over the road

**The Crossing Patrol is unable to cross children safely when she does not have a clear view.**

As I have repeatedly informed parents, B&Q have very kindly over a number of years allowed us to park on their car park to ease congestion on St. Leonard's Avenue. I urge you to be mindful of where you park. There should be no parking on the zigzag lines outside the school gates and no parking on the single yellow lines opposite school where the new Crossing Patrol is located. There is a sign that states no loading between certain times and traffic enforcement officers can issue an instant fine if your vehicle is parked there. Also parents should not use the school car park under any circumstances unless agreed with the school – **it is for staff use only.**

If you do witness dangerous driving and or parking then perhaps you would like to contact the local police on the non-emergency number 101, if you feel this would enhance the safety of our children. You could also take registration numbers of illegally parked cars and pass them on to the local police.

**Is saving a few minutes of your time really worth the risk of causing an accident resulting in a child or adult being injured or worse?**

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Spearing  
Headteacher