

Monday 25th November 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the children were learning about road safety and keeping safe when using the roads and pavements. We continue to promote the travel trackers and encourage the children to travel actively to school.



Many of you choose to either walk to and from school, or park further away from the school grounds and then make a short walk. This is excellent for children's health, as well as road safety for children when crossing roads to access our school grounds.

Unfortunately, last Friday morning there was an accident on the road outside the Junior School involving a cyclist. Thankfully, the cyclist was not seriously hurt. However, this is a stark reminder of the importance of taking care on the roads and ensuring the children travel safely to school.

Frustratingly, there are still a small number of parents and carers persistently parking or dropping children off inconsiderately and illegally directly outside the school

premises. This is happening at the front and the back of the First School on Beaver Road and Ventnor Road, and also at the Barlow Medical Centre. This is putting children and families who are walking into school at significant risk of harm. These actions are causing dangerous traffic situations as well as limited access and visibility for children and families crossing roads. Endangering the lives of children in this way is completely unacceptable and unnecessary.

To help solve this situation we are asking for your help...





- If you are that parent/carer who is parking or stopping directly outside school at the beginning or the end of the school day – please think of the safety of other children and stop!
- If you know a parent/carer who is parking or stopping directly outside school, please inform the school or politely encourage them not to park there.



- Please do not use the Barlow Medical Centre or Didsbury Baptist Church car park. This is only for parents and carers attending the Medical Centre or the Marion Scott Playgroup. If you are a junior school parent, please ensure you use the park and stride scheme we have in place with 'The Didsbury' car park. Parking passes are available from the Junior school office.
- If you order a taxi to pick you up from school, please ask them to meet you at another location nearby and not directly outside the school grounds.
- Please be a positive role model to your children in this matter and talk to them about the importance and benefits of walking or travelling actively to school.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and for helping to keep our whole school community safe on the roads around our school.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Hardy Headteacher



The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

