



## **Bonneygrove Primary School**

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Dear Parents / Carers

Over the last couple of months, I have dealt with several complaints from our neighbours regarding parking (both on Dark Lane and beyond).

For those parents and carers who believe they 'have a right' to park over someone's driveway - I would ask all parents and carers to think about how frustrating and inconvenient it might be if this happened outside of their house every day. I am sure lots of you would be very annoyed. I thought it prudent to advise you that parking over a drop curb is an offence, and the council has the right to issue penalty charge notices. Also, according to The Highway Code, you shouldn't park on the pavement unless specific road signs allow it. The code states that "parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs". Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb, or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance anywhere that would prevent access to emergency services.

As parents and carers, we all share a responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of the children at Bonneygrove Primary School. I have observed some instances of inconsiderate parking, such as cars parked outside the main carpark gates on the corners of Cromwell Avenue and Franklin Avenue. This kind of parking could impact the safety of our children. I have also witnessed parents and carers allowing their children to exit cars while waiting for others to cross the road, obstructing sight lines of oncoming traffic. We all must understand our role in ensuring our children enter the school gate and arrive safely.

I very much appreciate those parents and carers who support the school and understand the importance of the above. Thank you.

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For those parents and carers who may have disagreements or altercations with our neighbours or other parents/carers, I urge you to reconsider. My primary role is to ensure your children's safety and effectively educate them - not to mop up your arguments / altercations with our neighbours via their complaints. We all must respect other's boundaries and understand that we, as adults, can choose to regulate our behaviour. By doing so, we can set a positive example for the next generation of adults, teaching them the value of respect, and understanding in their interactions with others.

I have previously asked parents and carers to park a couple of minutes' walk away from the school to avoid negative interactions with our neighbours.

If any parent or carer wishes to discuss the above messages, please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Hamilton  
Headteacher