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Dear Parents and Carers

Parking and the School Streets scheme

There are two separate issues that are impacting on both us as a school and on parents and carers at the moment.

Parking on Cheviot View, Barrass Avenue and Parker Place

On **Cheviot View** there are **zig zag lines** outside the main entrance with a sign stating that there is no stopping on the markings. If you stop on the zig zag lines, even for a moment to allow your child to get out of the car, you are breaking the law. 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 for emergency services or near a bus stop, tram stop or taxi rank.



On **Barrass Avenue**, there are **double yellow lines** at the junctions with the main road and Laycock Gardens. Parents and carers park there every day despite the double yellow lines. Parking on double yellow lines is also breaking the law.

Parker Place is a **private street** and there is no parking for parents and carers at any time.

I am aware that some parents have been issued with a **penalty parking notice** today for parking on double yellow lines or stopping on the zig zag lines outside the main entrance.

I have spoken to the parking enforcement officer this morning, who said that there are going to be regular parking patrols around our school. The issuing of penalty parking notices is nothing to do with us, however I can only stress that if parents and carers do stop on the zig zag lines, park on double yellow lines or park in Parker Place, it seems very likely that you will be issued with a penalty notice by the parking enforcement officer.

The School Streets scheme

As per our newsletters, **Cheviot View and Parker Place** are going to become **School Streets**. This means that when the scheme is launched, there will be **no access to Cheviot View or Parker Place to any school traffic at either dropping off time or collection time. Parents and carers will not be able to drive up or down Cheviot View or Parker Place and they will not be able to park in either of these streets either.**

I do not have the exact start date of the scheme. It is extremely unhelpful that the Highways Team have put the School Streets signs up now before the scheme has been officially agreed and launched. We only found out that the signs were there when someone mentioned them to Mr Ruler.

The whole situation is very frustrating for all members of our school community. We know that there are very few places for parents and carers to park. It would be great if we had a car park, but we don't.

Moving forward, parents and carers need to be aware that there will be no access to Cheviot View and Parker Place when the School Street scheme is active; parents and carers who do stop on the zig zag lines, park on double yellow lines or park in Parker Place seem very likely to be issued with a penalty notice by the parking enforcement officer. I can tell from the conversation I had this morning that there will be no flexibility or acceptance of exceptional circumstances about this.

If you do receive a penalty notice, you need to contact the parking enforcement team who issued it.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher