

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Winchester

Parking in front of school between Fairfax Close and the Little Fishes driveway

Dear Parents / Carers (*anyone dropping / picking up children from school*),

Please think carefully about others before parking in OBRN and consider **'Could a Fire Engine pass by if I park here?'** and **'Can a child cross the road safely if I park here?'**

Vehicles are currently parking and idling in an unsafe manner in front of the school - on zig zags, double yellow lines, within 10m of the junction of Fairfax Close, and near the three school entrances - contravening the highway code. This is restricting potential access for emergency vehicles (i.e. a Fire Engine) which is required at ALL TIMES for school and residential properties (*this includes during school evening and weekend events*). Children and parents / carers also need to be able to see safely to cross the road.

Our school has three entrances onto OBRN - two for the turning circle and one near Little Fishes. The zig zags for the three entrances are for safety and emergency access. There are **ONLY FOUR SAFE PARKING SPACES between Fairfax Close and the end of the zig zags at the Little Fishes driveway** (*these are clearly visible between the zig zags and are on the school side of the road*). To ensure safety and emergency vehicle access to St Peter's school and other properties in the road, **the non-school side of OBRN between Fairfax and Little Fishes is safest clear of vehicles. It is safest not to park opposite St Peter's zig zags.** This will also ease traffic flow.

Please note the highway code in regard to parking in front of school: -

Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- in front of an entrance to a property

Waiting and parking (238 to 252)

Rule 238

Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see 'Road markings') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

Rule 239

- do not park facing against the traffic flow
- you **MUST** switch off the engine, headlights and fog lights *i.e. Please NO IDLING OF ENGINES*
- you **MUST** ensure you do not hit anyone when you open your door. Check for cyclists or other traffic
- it is safer for your passengers (especially children) to get out of the vehicle on the side next to the kerb

Rule 244

You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

Kind regards

St Peters Travel Team