

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have been receiving several complaints around the standard of driving and parking outside of the schools on Manor Road, Long Stratton, which is resulting in the safety of the children being compromised and creating dangerous situations for other road users. Common concerns raised are around cars parking across entrances to properties, across dropped curbs, parking too close to junctions, blocking bus stops, pavements or parking on verges. We would like to remind you of the following rules around parking contained in the highway code and which lay out some of the expectations around parking safely.

**Rule 145**

You **MUST NOT** drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency.

**Rule 238**

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone). 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 when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

### **Rule 242**

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

### **Rule 243**

**DO NOT** stop or park:

· Near a school entrance

· Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services

· At or near a bus stop or taxi rank

· On the approach to a level crossing

· Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space

· Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge

· Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle

· Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles

· In front of an entrance to a property

· On a bend

· Where you would obstruct cyclists’ use of cycle facilities

**except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

Being late for drop off or pick up is no excuse for inconsiderate, obstructive or dangerous parking. Make sure you leave enough time to find a suitable and safe parking space. You may have to consider parking further away from the school in order to find a suitable space. Consider walking if possible, not only is this better for the environment it is often far less stressful and, in many cases, can be quicker than driving and having to find a parking space.

If you see a vehicle parked dangerously, inconsiderately or in an obstructive way whilst on the school run, please consider taking a photograph of the offending vehicle and sending it to your Safer Neighbourhood Team at the below email address. Please provide details such as date time and location. We will then be able to provide further education to drivers and where repeat offences are identified further action or enforcement may be taken. Your local beat manager will also be conducting patrols both in plain clothes and in high visibility uniform at school pick up and drop off times and details of offending vehicles will be taken, educational notices may be left and/or other appropriate action taken.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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