## Think before you park!

At St. Catherine's, our children's safety is our top priority. Our staff and children want to tackle poor parking to make our local community a safer place for our children and residents.

#### TIme to change your parking habits?

Could you park further away from the school and walk in?

Do you need your engine on when you're waiting?

Could you switch just one of your morning journeys in the week

to a walk or bike?

Could you use the FREE one hour parking by the Wishing Well pub on School Lane?

It could make a BIG difference to your child's start to the day. Exercise gets them ready to learn, helps improve behaviour and can even help to improve concentration.

#### Parking near our school office

We ask that parents please do NOT drive into the car park by our school office.

This car park is always full and has very minimal space for turning around. This makes it a really dangerous area for pedestrians when drivers do not follow our school rules.

If you need to access the school office, please park locally and then walk. This will help to keep our children and local community safe.

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#### Yellow Lines

Single and double yellow lines are painted on the road by our school to prevent accidents and keep children safe.

Unless you have a Blue Badge, it's illegal to park or stop on them during certain times of the day and this includes school drop-off and pick-up times. It's especially dangerous to stop on the zigzags.

#### Switch off your engine

Fewer cars also means the air is cleaner. Did you know, leaving your engine running for just ONE minute would FILL 150 balloons with toxic fumes?

#### What our children say about parking

Take a look at 'Children's Chat Newspaper', a leaflet our Caritas Ambassadors have put together to show you what our children think about local parking.

Are you ready to take up the challenge and make our school street safer and cleaner?

### Children's Chat Rewspaper

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHILDREN

Our Caritas
Ambassador pupil
leadership group have
noticed that parking is
a problem around our
school and have
interviewed children in
school to find out their
concerns.

Many of our children are worried about parking around school. They feel that some people don't consider our children's safety when they park and don't follow the parking rules, such as not parking on single or double yellow lines.

Please keep our children safe and show respect to our local community. Think before you park!



#### What do our children say?

- "You could save a child's life if you park respectfully."
- "Be cool, don't park near our school."
- "It can be hard to get past all of the parked cars if you have a disability, walking frame or a pram."
- "People could get seriously injured if you don't park carefully and responsibly."
- "Bad parking endangers lives."
- "I think you shouldn't park outside school because you might run someone over."