



## **Road Safety**

Thank you for your continued support in making the journey to and from school as safe as it can be for all our children. Unfortunately, there continues to be a number of issues around the parking in the school car park and out on Whitehills Terrace. Please see below all road safety rules the school has put in place to minimise these issues. Could you also share this with anyone who drops off or picks up your child.

### **Engine Idling**

All schools in South Lanarkshire Council are 'No Idling Zones' and drivers are not permitted to park in the car park or leave a car with its engine running to drop off or pick up children.

Idling harms our health: vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but it especially affects children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your engine, you can improve the quality of air pupils, parents and teachers breathe while they are at school.

Idling pollutes the air we breathe: an idling engine produces unnecessary pollution and can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. By not idling, you reduce the level of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere.

Keep money in your wallet and save fuel: despite the popular story that idling your car uses less fuel than turning it off and restarting – idling actually costs you money. It is more fuel efficient to turn off your engine and this will also reduce the wear and tear on your engine.

Please support St Louise Primary's No Idling campaign and turn off your car while waiting to drop off or pick up your child. Together, we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe.

### **Parking**

Could I please remind you that the staff car park is for staff only and for safety and insurance purposes we only permit school staff to park beyond the designated staff parking sign.

To further ensure the safety of all children in the school car park at drop off and pick up times, we will be using cones to mark areas that are not designated for parking.

Please note that the area to the front of the school where children use the zebra crossing is not a parking area and because there is a zebra crossing there we need to maintain a safe distance for all children when using the crossing.



As you know pupil safety is a high priority for us and we would ask that you keep this in mind when dropping off or picking up your child at school.

It is essential that parents/carers do not park or wait on the yellow zig-zag lines to ensure the safety of all of our children.

Please note that the zig-zag markings are there to indicate the length of road where you should not stop, not even to pick up or drop off children. These markings are provided outside schools to ensure our children can see and be seen clearly when crossing the road.

This also includes the yellow Box Junction at the front of the school gates, which should remain clear at all times.

Please also consider parking out with the school car park and walking part of the journey to help ease congestion. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As you know a number of places for dropping off pupils have been made available at the front of the school car park and the ramp which we open at the end of the school day has enabled us to provide more parking opportunities. This is one-way only and we would ask that no one reverses out of the school if they are at the back of the queue. Please can I ask that you only park in appropriate places and always be vigilant about pupil safety. I would also ask that if you are using the Disabled Parking bays at the front of the school you are displaying your Blue Badge clearly in the front window of your car.

Please do not walk your child through the vehicular entrance or across the car park. Always use the pathways and zebra crossings. The yellow zig zag lines and boxes were re-painted to show clearly the areas that cars cannot park on or wait in. Unless you are parked on the ramp and making your way back to your parked car it is safer to use the main walking entrance next to the main gate.

Could I please ask that whoever drops your child off and picks them up from school follows the safety guidance in place. This includes children following the safest route around the car park and into the school as some children are still being walked across the car park and this is extremely dangerous.

I would also ask that you limit your speed while in the school car park and be mindful of cars coming in or leaving the school. As our entrance is only able to permit one vehicle at a time, we need to adopt a give way procedure here. As you approach the school, I would ask that you stop and look into the car park to ensure that no one is coming out and if they are, you wait until the route is clear before entering the car park.

We would appreciate your support with our road safety measures and school rules regarding parking.