



GREENHEART
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP 

Woodhouse Primary Academy

Woodhouse Road
Quinton
Birmingham
West Midlands
B32 2DL

Head Teacher: Oliver Wilson

Tel: (0121) 464 1769

Tuesday 8th October, 2024

RE: Road safety and safe parking around Woodhouse Primary Academy

Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to you to ask for your help and continued support in keeping the children of Woodhouse safe and retaining good relationships with the wider Quinton community. We have always worked together to ensure that all our families are driving and parking safely. Please can I remind you of the need to drive slowly and carefully around our school. There is a high likelihood that children and families may be trying to cross the road and excessive speed or careless driving puts them at risk of serious injury – or worse.

As you will be aware, parking around school can be a challenge, as we are limited by the size of surrounding roads. We have worked hard over the past few years to reduce our reliance on cars, and families are encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school. We were recently again awarded our nationally recognised Modeshift STARS Silver award for an active travel plan – with a focus on reducing use of cars for school. Parking can be a particular concern for those seeking to collect and drop off their children before or after school by car. This is also a challenge for the neighbours of our school and I am often spoken to about their concerns about road safety and inconsiderate or dangerous parking near to school.

Whilst I understand the challenge of finding an appropriate parking space, this is not more important than obeying the highway code. I ask that you make every effort to park considerately and safely please. I have worked with the local Neighbourhood Police team to try and prevent these problems, but you should be aware that residents can **and do** report any parking problems to the Police, who have said they will take appropriate action, including fines and points on licences.

Can I please request that when driving to school, you park carefully so as not to cause problems for other road users or residents. If there is not a space to safely park, then please park further away from school and walk a short distance to school, even if this makes you later.

As a reminder, the highway code <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252> states that you must not park...

- On a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by white zig-zag lines (*as on Ridgacre Road*)
- In spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- **Near a school entrance (marked by yellow zig-zag lines as on Woodhouse Road)**
This applies to all families and carries a fine and 3 penalty points if ignored.
- Anywhere that would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus/tram stop
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, e.g. Woodhouse Road/West Boulevard
- Over a dropped kerb **or in front of the entrance to a property**
- Partially or wholly on the pavement. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

It should go without saying that you **may not** park on or across someone's driveway without their express permission.



Greenheart Learning Partnership
Unit 7, Newlands Court, Attwood Road, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 3GF
Companies House: 08255492

I hope that I can count on your support to ensure we keep the children safe. Thank you for your efforts to ensure your children get to school safely and on time each day. I greatly appreciate your continued support for our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr O Wilson
Head Teacher
Woodhouse Primary Academy



Greenheart Learning Partnership
Unit 7, Newlands Court, Attwood Road, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 3GF
Companies House: 08255492