

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I have had a number of complaints by local residents who have shared concerns about the parking on Stanton Road and the surrounding areas again. As you know, we have an ongoing campaign to try and encourage the Local Council to support us in making the road a safer space at the start and end of the school day. It is becoming extremely unsafe for our children who do walk and attempt to cross the road unable to see the road. There have been a number of occasions where cars have mounted the path and driven down the path to get past other vehicles and parked vehicles. This puts our families who do walk in serious danger.

I am really disappointed to hear that when local residents are asking for families to move their car, which is blocking their drive, they are met with resistance and often abuse. One neighbour called yesterday to share that they had experienced one of our Cloudside community member's refusing to move, stating that they would only be a moment, and then this neighbour was late for an important meeting.

Our surrounding neighbours understand that they live near a school and are aware that there are going to be times of the day where traffic is busier however they should not accept Cloudside families blocking their driveways, refusing to move or being rude and abusive towards them.

I kindly ask again that those of you who drive to school are considerate about where you park. Please avoid blocking driveways and please avoid parking in positions that could cause an accident because your vehicle blocks sight of the road. The local buses have shared that when cars are parked on the corner of Beech Avenue it can make it difficult for the driver to see oncoming traffic or manoeuvre around the corner.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position where I can manage and control the road however I do have a responsibility to our children, yourselves and the wider Sandiacre community to continue to ask you to park sensibly and in a way that will not endanger others or cause disruption to our neighbours. I kindly remind you that there is a reasonably large carpark at St Giles', which is open for use in the morning and at the end of the day. It has got to the stage that local residents are taking photographs of unsafe parking and sharing them with the Police.

I know there are not many days left of this term but I hope that you can continue to support the school with this safety campaign.

Kind regards



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