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**Every Child,
Every Chance,
Every Day.**



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Dear parents/Guardians,

Shirley Schools Parking Pledge 2019

Making it safer for children to get in and out of school

Every month more than 1000 British children are injured on roads near schools. 50% of these are struck by parents of other school children. A third of children injured while crossing the road say that they did not stop before they stepped off the kerb – and as many say they did not look.

Cars stopping with engines running increases pollution inside as well as outside the schools. The fumes contain a number of harmful gases including carbon dioxide (which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change), nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons, which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases. This is not a great environment for learning or for our children's health!

Damian Hind, the education minister, has said that motorists who leave their engines on are damaging the health of children with the exhaust fumes. The Department for Transport says it is considering raising on-the-spot fines for idling engines from £20 to £100.

We are calling on parents and carers to sign a 'Parking Pledge' to raise awareness of their responsibilities to ensure the safety of the children traveling to and from Shirley Schools. The Pledge asks for support in reducing congestion around the school, and asks parents and carers to park safely and responsibly near our schools. The pledge also encourages parents to consider healthier options when travelling to school, by promoting walking, cycling and riding a scooter as alternative options.

There is a Parking Pledge sticker for every signed and returned pledge!

The areas we are planning to keep clear are marked in red:



Areas to keep clear

The areas we would like to remain clear are:

Along the single yellow line and zigzags on Bellemoor Road. This is an urban clear zone between 6am and 9pm. Parking or stopping here makes it more difficult for children to cross and has on more than one occasion blocked an ambulance.

The gates on Wilton Road leading to the emergency vehicle entrance to the school. This area is often blocked by cars and could lead to delay in access by emergency vehicles. Stopping 'for a few seconds' is still stopping and blocking this entrance.

The turning area at the end of Wilton Road. Cars parked here make it difficult for pedestrians crossing the road and seeing cyclists passing through at speed.

Please do not park on corners as this again makes it difficult for children crossing to see what is coming.

After a few close calls, please also take care when crossing the blocked off area of Wilton Road as this is still a road used by cyclists and should be treated like any other road crossing.

Alternative Parking

We know that not everyone can walk all of the way to school every day, and with this in mind we have agreements with Pets At Home and The Range, who are happy for their car parks to be used at drop-off and pick-up times. Please take extra care when crossing Winchester Road and keep back from the curb while waiting for the lights.

There is parking by St James Park or other areas within walking distance of the schools. Leaving home 5 minutes earlier could make a difference and give you time to walk a short distance.

For more ideas about traveling to school safely, look at <https://myjourneysouthampton.com>

Reporting unsafe parking

If you are aware of parking that is not safe then please do not confront the drivers yourself; we would encourage you to report the parking to: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/parking/illegal-parking.aspx>

Your child will bring home a paper copy of the pledge for you to sign so there is no need to print it out yourself.

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe!

Yours sincerely,

Cate Gregory
Infant Headteacher

Annette Hixon
Junior Headteacher

Matthew Corkhill
Safeguarding Governor





The Shirley Schools Parking Pledge 2019

By signing the Parking Pledge, parents and carers agree to:

- Park sensibly with safety in mind, not around the outside of the school, including along Bellemoor Road and the school gates,
- Not park within 10m of a junction, on double yellow lines or the turning area at the end of Wilton Road,
- Not obstruct the emergency vehicle entrance on Wilton Road,
- Only drive to school when necessary – all other times travelling by foot, bike or scooter,
- Keep within the limits when in the 20mph school zone,
- Look out for other pedestrians and cyclists,
- Allow room for emergency vehicles,
- Turn off engines when idling,
- Respect other residents by not parking in front of driveways, in resident parking bays (unless drivers have a permit), or on pavements which can cause access problems.

Please sign to show that you agree to this pledge, and bring this page back to the school for your Parking Pledge Sticker.

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Date:

Child(ren):

Class(es):

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe!

