

Parking Services

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Dear Headteacher

Re Parking issues outside schools

You may have read recently about the Councils response to complaints we receive about inconsiderate – and in many cases dangerous – parking around schools during drop off and pick up times.

The decision has been made to remove the discretionary observation period which is generally afforded before a penalty charge notice (PCN) would be issued to a vehicle that is parked on a single or double yellow line. This means that any vehicle parking on a yellow line restriction near to a school during the morning or afternoon pick up / drop off will be liable to be served with a penalty charge notice instantly, rather than the civil enforcement officer having to wait 5 minutes before they can issue the PCN.

It is hoped that this will improve the parking problems in the vicinity, and make the journey to and from school safer for children and parents, and be of benefit to other road users and nearby residents.

Since the original list of schools was compiled I have received a request for your school to be added to the list of locations where the civil enforcement officers will be able to issue immediate penalty charge notices. This will apply to any vehicle parked on a single or double yellow line between 08.15-09.15 hours and between 14.45-15.45 hours.

As this is a significant change to our procedures it may be prudent for this information to be passed on to parents. For that reason the officers will not change to immediate penalty charge notice issue for vehicles on yellow lines until Monday 19 February 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs É Morris Senior Parking Officer