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**Galston Primary School**

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Dear Parent/Carer/ Driver,

### **Introduction**

As pupils at Galston Primary School we are taking the time to write to you because we are extremely worried. We are concerned about the inconsiderate parking which is getting worse. We have seen:

- Double Parking
- Parking on zig zags
- Parking in drop off zones
- Parking in the bus area for school trips...and more.

Whenever we get back from a trip, the bus cannot turn because people are parking on the roundabout. When we got back from our danger detectives trip, Miss Wood had to get out of the bus and knock on people's windows to ask cars to move. Some drivers did not listen even then. If adults keep this up someone will get run over or hurt. It is extremely dangerous in the car park; please think about your actions and if they are putting us at risk.



### **Parking Laws: Transportation Act 2019**

In Scotland in 2019 a new law was passed covering parking and transport. It is a national ban to stop double parking, parking on a dropped kerb and pavement parking. You can be fined between £100-£150 per offence. This Scottish ban became a rule on the 11th of December 2023. Double parking is also a part of the Scottish ban you should not block someone in when parking. What if my gran (who has a wheelchair) came to pick me up and you have pavement parked how would we get round your car? It is illegal to park on a roundabout; people do not park on the Bellfield Interchange so why park on our roundabout?

### **Inconsiderate Parking**

In Scotland it is illegal to park on white or yellow zigzags, this. Drivers in our car park do this. People park in clearly labelled no parking zones, and in front of the gates for emergency vehicles. We are 9 and 10 years old, and we understand why it is wrong to park there. When we were outside playing rounders during our afternoon P.E. there were still spaces left but

people choose to park on the roundabout. This shows that some drivers are making a choice to park in inconsiderate places!



### **UNCRC Rights of the Child**

Here at Galston we are a silver UN Rights of the Child school this means we learn about our rights. Everyone has rights and we need drivers to take their responsibility to keep us safe seriously.

Some of the rights inconsiderate drivers are affecting are:

- Article 3 Adults must do what is best for me
- Article 6 I have the right to live and grow as a person
- Article 19 I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated
- Article 24 I have the right to be as healthy as possible

These are just some of the rights some drivers are breaking when they park selfishly.



### **Kinder Parking Plans**

As a class we have a few suggestions that could help with parking. We would like to be involved in the School Streets Scheme, where drivers are not allowed near the streets near the school at times when school starts and ends. This make it much safer and quieter. If you go into school streets when you shouldn't you will get a fine of £60 which is a lot of money!

Another suggestion is that we could make a queue:

- One car comes in drops off/picks up and leaves.
- Next car comes in drops off/picks up and leaves.
- Next car comes in drops off/picks up and leaves.
- Over and over again!

It would take a long time to pick up everyone but at least everyone would be safe.

The final fact we want to remind you of is that 20% of child accidents happen when coming in and out of school. Please change the way you park and help us be safe.

Yours sincerely,

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