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Parking Outside Queen Street School on Zebra Crossing markings (white zig zags) and within Bus Stop Clear Way (yellow box).

The Council has received several complaints relating to the inappropriate and inconsiderate parking which is currently taking place outside the school, in response to this the Council will be carrying out enforcement, jointly with the Police, of all parking restrictions currently in place on Queen Street. I have included below a clarification of what restrictions are present and what enforcement can be expected.

Zebra Crossing Markings.

The white zig zag markings adjacent to the zebra crossing are intended to ensure that vehicles do not park near to the crossing and therefore obstruct the visibility of pedestrians using the crossing. You **MUST NOT** park on a crossing or in the area covered by the zig zag lines, you **MUST NOT** overtake moving or stationary vehicles nearest the crossing. It is an offence (contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1984 (sec 25) for **any driver to STOP on the markings, this includes stopping to drop off or pick up children**, additionally there are **no exceptions for any vehicles to park on the markings and this includes those displaying a 'Blue Disabled Badge'**. These markings are enforced by the Police and a driver who contravenes them may be subject to a fine of £100 and 3 penalty points on their licence

Bus Stop Clearway Markings

Bus stops which are marked by a yellow box on the carriageway and supported by an adjacent sign stating '**No Stopping Except Buses**' are known as Bus Stop Clearways. The Councils Parking Services team of Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce these markings and any driver who parks their vehicle on the markings is committing an offence (Traffic Management Act 2004) and will be subject to a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN), there are **no exceptions for any vehicles to park on the markings and this includes those displaying a 'Blue Disabled Badge'**. Parking Services may also use the mobile CCTV van to patrol the Bus Stop Clearways, this will photograph any vehicles parked on the markings and Penalty Charge Notices will be issued by post.

Obstructive Parking

Drivers, who park their vehicles wholly on the footway, therefore diverting pedestrians from their desired line of travel and into the road or who park their vehicles wholly across a dropped kerb, are committing the offence of 'Unnecessary Obstruction' (Contrary to regulation 103 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and the Road Traffic Act 1988). This offence is dealt with by the Police via a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) or removal of the vehicle concerned.

It has also been brought to the Councils attention that there are number of drivers who do not stop for the school crossing patrol. It is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1984 (Sec 28) to fail to stop for a school crossing patrol officer in uniform when presenting a stop sign, any driver who does so may be dealt with by the Police and may be subject to a fine of £100 and 3 penalty points on their licence. Should parents witness such an offence taking place on a regular basis then this should be reported to the Police.

If parents have any questions over any of the above then please feel free to contact me

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Hill', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Marc Hill, Traffic Liaison Officer.

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