

Dear Parents/Carers,



Considerate Parking

Children at Rotherfield School and parishioners are concerned about thoughtless parking. Rotherfield Parish Council, working with Rotherfield and Mark Cross Schools is launching a Considerate Parking Campaign. As part of the campaign we would like to thank the school children for their ideas and in particular those who designed a poster. Hopefully you will spot the posters around the parish in the next few weeks and in the Courtyard Café window.

One of the main issues that has been identified is parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. We understand that it can be difficult to park in Rotherfield but inconsiderate parking causes disruption for road-users and pedestrians, often putting parents and children in danger. At school drop-off and pick-up times **YOU MUST NOT PARK** on the zig-zag lines outside the school.

It would help to ease parking congestion if those driving to school would consider parking further away and walking the remaining distance. Please do not park in North Street or the Village Square as this causes access problems for the school. If you park in Station Road and use the footpath to the school, please park considerately being aware of the residents in the area. Please note it is not acceptable to park across someone's drive so that they cannot get in or out.

As well as trying to improve the parking problems at the school we hope that our campaign will encourage parishioners and visitors to park considerately at all times. These are the main areas of concern highlighted by parishioners and children at Rotherfield School:

- Parking on pavements which means wheelchair users and buggies cannot get through and children and other pedestrians have to walk in the road
- Parking near junctions and yellow lines can obscure safe crossing points for pedestrians
- Parking so that other vehicles, including emergency services cannot pass
- Parking on the yellow zig-zags outside our schools and using disabled bays when you do not have a badge.

When you park in our parish, please do so considerately. Thank you in advance for making it a safe place for our children, parishioners and visitors.

Yours sincerely,

Rotherfield Parish Council Communications and Highways Committees