

Dear Parents/Carers,

CONSIDERATE PARKING



Children at Mark Cross School and local parishioners are concerned about thoughtless parking. Therefore, Rotherfield Parish Council working with Mark Cross and Rotherfield Schools, is launching a Considerate Parking Campaign. As part of our 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 Mark Cross 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 church.

Parking is difficult in Mark Cross but there are often spaces in the millennium green car park (just past the Wadhurst junction). It would ease congestion if those driving children to school would park at the millennium green or the Mark Cross Inn. We would like to thank the Mark Cross Inn for generously allowing parents to park in its car park. The pub has asked that drivers park only on the far side of its car park. Please park considerately, respecting the Inn's patrons; it is important in a small community that we work together so that our children can benefit from the landlord's generosity.

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 Mark Cross 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 service vehicles 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