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*'Let your light shine'*

Dear Parent/Carer

We often receive complaints regarding parking outside of the school gates and sadly there have been a small number of altercations and disputes in the past between parents/carers. Adults having public disputes outside of the school gates, in full view of pupils, is unacceptable behaviour and does not set a good example to children.

We have sought advice from the Police and we are sending this letter to clarify the law regarding parking outside of our school and the images overleaf highlight the no parking areas:

- There are double yellow lines on the road behind the aged miners homes and Police have stated that **NO vehicles at all (including disabled) should park on the double yellow lines.**
- The area outside of the gates with the Keep Clear/zig-zag lines is a strict **NO PARKING** zone for any vehicles (including disabled)
- The gravel area behind the zig-zag lines is an access road for residents of Old Hall Farm and Police have confirmed that **access roads must be kept clear at all times** and not used for parking.
- Parents should also refrain from parking on footpaths

Parking is allowed in front of the aged miners homes and any areas in Hall Lane with no yellow line markings. We would appreciate parents co-operation in parking in appropriate places and not obstructing the entrance to school.

Parents will appreciate that we have over 200 children arriving at school and it for their safety that we are asking parents to respect the parking laws and to drive and park their vehicles appropriately.

We work hard with parents and the local community to try to minimise the impact of parking and we must ask that if anyone has any complaints or disputes, they should come into school to discuss the matter and kindly not resort to public disputes outside the gates.

The safety of our pupils is of utmost importance to us and we are grateful for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

*Alison Richardson*  
Head Teacher



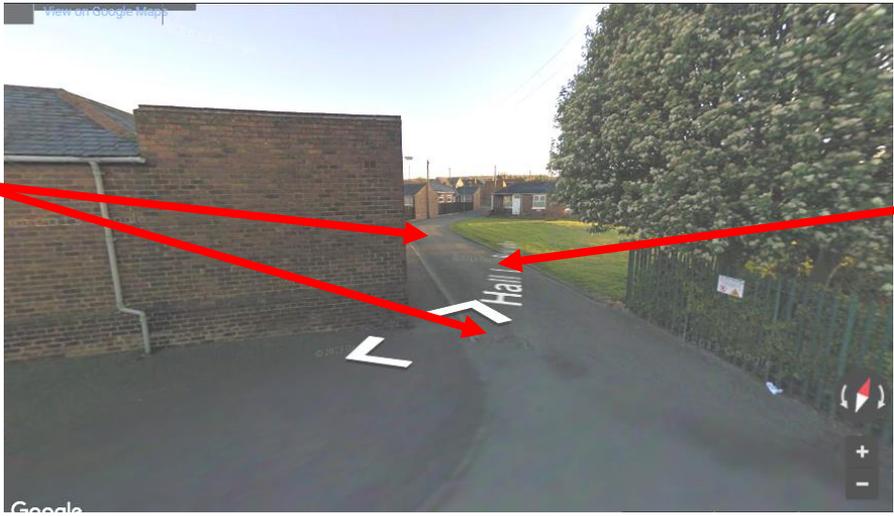
**No parking on pavement**



**No Parking anywhere in this area - Access road**

**No parking on Keep Clear /zig-zag lines**

**No parking or disabled parking**  
Double yellow lines are now in place here



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The police have advised that there should be no stopping or parking anywhere on this road. Please can parents refrain from driving down this road at all, as it obstructs the entrance to the school and endangers children and pedestrians.