

# COSSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

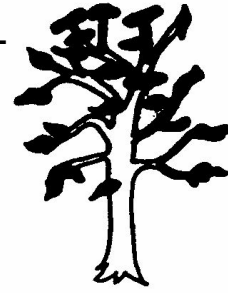
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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Parking before and after school**

I am writing to you as a matter of urgency regarding the issue of parking before and after school. I know that most of you are very considerate in the way that you park when dropping off or picking up your children, but I am aware that a minority of drivers are not being so careful. This has been brought to my attention through discussions with parents, and the issue has been brought to a head after a motorist was involved in a "near miss" on Friday morning before school.

I know that in the morning we are all pressed for time, and the temptation to rush the 'school run' is great, but the following statistics speak for themselves:

**In 2010 a total of 19,569 children were injured on the roads of Great Britain, and 2,502 children were seriously injured or killed.**

Therefore, can I reinforce a few points with all of you:

1. It is very dangerous to park on the bend outside school.
2. It is very dangerous to park on the main road side of the triangle.
3. It is very dangerous to park too near the junctions of side roads and the main road, as this obscures the view of other drivers.
4. It is very dangerous to let your children exit a car through the door on the 'road side', they should exit on the 'pavement side.'
5. It is very dangerous to cross the main road other than via the school crossing patrol.

After the incident on Friday we have put in a request to the police to step up checks before and after school, so those people who continue to park irresponsibly will be caught in the end. I hope you appreciate the serious tone of this letter, but I am concerned that it is only a matter of time before someone is injured outside our school.

Yours Faithfully,

Andrew Marsh

