



Safe parking around St Mary's Catholic First School



Dorset County Council has made amendments to Lucetta Lane, the road at the top of our school to increase the safety in the area for our children.

You will notice they have put a white 'no parking' line opposite the metal fencing at the top of our walkway, please do not park on this line as this is to become our main crossing area. When crossing Lucetta Lane, please use the crossing area between the metal fencing and the new white line so that cars get used to people crossing here regularly.



The Council have also repainted and extended our yellow 'no parking zigzag' lines, please again, do not park on the yellow zigzags; this includes no parking on the bend where the zigzags are.

They have recommended that cars do not park right to the end of the pavement area where the road narrows as this makes access along Lucetta Lane very tight. Please only park along the straight part of the pavement. Emergency vehicles have struggled to access the school with cars parked here and on both sides of the road. Please also try not to park half up on the pavement around the side roads as this makes it harder to see children and harder to get pushchairs by.



Entrance to St Mary's

When entering the grounds of the school, please enter through the Pedestrian Gate at the top of our path. If your child is on a scooter or bike, please ask them to dismount at the gate and walk their bike or scooter down the path and then store it in the bike/scooter racks. When they are leaving the school, please ask them to walk them up the path again as it makes the pathway dangerous for small children walking up when others are riding bikes or scooters.

Please do not let your child ride or scooter through the car park as there may be cars moving around and it becomes very dangerous.

Our car park is for visitors during the day and for exceptional use. Please do not park in the school car park at drop-off and pick up times. There is additional parking on the residential roads near the school, please park in these and walk a little to drop off and pick up your child.

We are trying to encourage as many children as possible to walk, ride or scooter to school whenever possible. Or if you live a long way from the school and need to drive, then perhaps park a few minutes' walk away and get some fresh air on the way into school.

We hope these measures will make our school a safer and environmentally better place.

Many thanks for your support with this.