



**WEST YORKSHIRE
POLICE**

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Leeds District

24th November 2016

Re: Bolton Royd Primary - Driving and Parking issues at drop off / pick up times

Dear Parents,

Local police ward officers for the area attended outside the school and monitored the situation this morning and were astounded by some of the manoeuvres conducted by certain motorists, such as:

- Parking on double yellow lines – **road markings are there for safety reasons, parents were seen to park there even though other suitable parking was available.**
- Dropping children off / parking on the yellow zig zag lines on the entrance road to the school – **this area is to be kept clear, will be used by teachers/parents accessing the school grounds. Parents were stopping and dropping off on the zig zags before either reversing back onto the road or doing a 3 point turn.**
- Dropping children off / parking in the middle of the road – **this causes concerns for the safety of the children getting out of a vehicle in an intersection, some parents waited for their children to get into the school grounds before driving off, so were parked in the junction for a short time.**
- Reversing from one road into another road – **this is dangerous in general as you will always have a blind spot especially if reversing for some distance as witnessed this morning.**

The above driving and parking is unacceptable and falls below the standard expected of motorists. Certain of the traffic offences seen today do carry penalties and will be enforced either by police or council enforcement officers for those motorists who continue to commit offences.

We would appreciate it if parents would take the time to read this letter and for those of you who do drop their child/children off in vehicles, please think about where you are stopping/parking and ensure that you do so in a **safe and correct manner**. It may mean parking a short distance from the school and walking with your child/children but we are sure you will all agree, **the safety of the children is paramount** and we trust you will all **work together** with us and the school to ensure no incidents occur that would jeopardise that.

Yours sincerely

PC 2905 Colin Wight and PC 4974 Mark Turner