



## Creating a Safer School

The safety of children and adults attending or travelling to Unsworth Primary School is our paramount concern. We appreciate the area around school is likely to be very busy during peak travelling times, but we would like to reduce occurrences of dangerous parking and congestion as much as possible.

Children have particular difficulty judging the speed of traffic, the distance between traffic and then deciding upon a safe gap to cross in. Parked cars create an additional obstruction that make it very difficult for children to see the road, let alone determine a safe time to cross. Furthermore the School Crossing Patrol needs a wide space, free of parked cars so that they can cross children safely. The less parked cars on the road, the more chance the drivers have of seeing the School Crossing Patrol.

Parents should also be mindful of not:

- Parking too close to junctions therefore restricting sight lines.
- Stopping and parking on yellow zig-zag lines, it is illegal.
- Double parking; this can restrict access for emergency vehicles.
- Blocking access to and from resident's driveways.
- Parking on pavements blocking access for pedestrians, especially those with disabilities and for those pushing prams.
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings as this can reduce sight lines for other drivers and pedestrians.

**Rule 191 Highway Code** “You must not park on a crossing or in the area marked by the zig-zag lines. You must not overtake the moving vehicle nearest the crossing or the vehicle nearest the crossing which has stopped to give way to pedestrians”.

**Rule 243 Highway Code** “Do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space” This can reduce sight lines for other road users, reduce the space to complete manoeuvres and therefore increase the chance of an incident occurring.

***Please stop and think before you park your car near school, the only thing that can improve the situation outside our school, is if some parents are more considerate and responsible.***