



12th March 2025

Dear Parents,

I am writing to remind you once again to be considerate of the residents of Healey Avenue and Philip Road by not blocking their driveways. Also be aware that parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school premises is prohibited.



It is **illegal** to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code specifies several locations where motorists must not park, including on bends, dropped kerbs, or the brow of a hill. Additionally, it states that drivers must not park near school entrances or anywhere that could obstruct access for emergency services. Last academic year, we encountered incidents where emergency services were unable to access the school due to vehicles obstructing the entrance. Parking outside the school also obstructs visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road, creating a dangerous situation.

Penalty and Charges

I would like to bring to your attention that local residents have contracted UCPS, who have installed cameras in this area. A public notice detailing the penalty fees for parking outside the school gates is available. Some parents have received penalty charges and have requested the school's intervention. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist in these matters. UCPS is entitled to take legal action to recover the charge if the fine is not paid within the stipulated time frames.

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To avoid this situation, please be law-abiding, responsible citizens and model this behaviour to your children. We are working hard in school to teach them about road safety, and it is essential that we work in partnership with you. Your children learn from your actions. Across the country, there have been numerous cases of fatal accidents caused by unsafe parking practises outside school gates. We do not want Hannah Ball Academy to become another statistic, and we certainly would not want any parent to face legal consequences due to avoidable carelessness.

That said, I am aware that the majority of our parents are doing the right thing and supporting us by encouraging those who are still parking illegally to comply with the law. If you are reminded not to park on the zig-zag lines by another parent or a member of staff, please respond respectfully. We do not tolerate abusive behaviour at Hannah Ball Academy, and should this occur, we will reserve the right to take legal action to ban individuals from a certain radius of the school. We sincerely hope that we never have to take such measures, as we value the positive relationships we have with the majority of our parents on this matter.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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