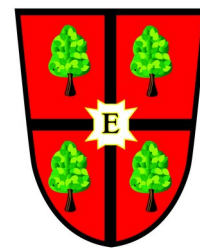


# Chestnut Lane and Elangeni Schools Parents' Parking Promise



## May 2023

PARENTS' PARKING PROMISE

Extracts from the Highway Code:

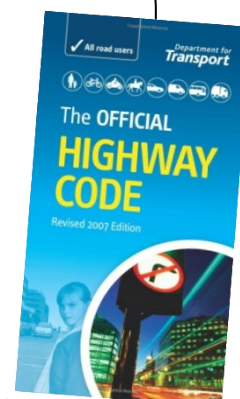
**242. MUST NOT** leave your vehicle in a position where it may cause danger or an unnecessary road obstruction.

**243. DO NOT** stop or park

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

**244. MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement (or grass verges). Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

**123. MUST NOT** leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while it is stationary on a public road.



- We will walk to school whenever possible; ideally every day.
- We will try not to park on Chestnut Lane or on Woodside Avenue between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.45pm and 3.20pm.
- We are sympathetic to our neighbourhood residents and park considerately.
  - We continue to obey and uphold the rules of the Highway Code.

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## **Parking too near to school entrances puts children in danger**

The areas outside of our schools are busy in the morning and at the end of the school day. Parents who park close to our entrances act irresponsibly, potentially placing children in danger. By avoiding parking close to the entrances we can allow children and parents walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

## **Using the car less would help reduce the congestion and danger**

Many children are driven to school when they could easily walk part or all of the way. Walking has various benefits: it

- Helps keep children fit and healthy;
- Develops traffic awareness skills;
- Keeps the environment cleaner;
- Reduces traffic outside school at starting and finishing times.
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## **Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians**

Parking partially or wholly on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. By avoiding parking on pavements (or grass verges) we can provide children and parents with safe access when walking to and from school.

## **Sign the Parents' Parking Promise and make your school a safer place**

Please help us by completing the tear off slip below. By returning this you are undertaking to keep parked cars away from the areas outside of our schools therefore protecting the lives of all the children who attend our schools.

If you return this slip the school will issue you with a car sticker which shows your commitment to the Parents' Parking Promise. Hopefully your example will encourage other parents to do the same.

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### **Thank you for signing our Parents' Parking Promise**

I will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.

I will try not to park in close proximity to either school between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.45pm and 3.20pm.

I will be considerate of our neighbouring residents and park considerately, including avoiding parking on pavements or grass verges.

I will continue to obey and uphold the rules of the Highway Code.

Child's name:

Child's Class:

Adult name:

Signed:

