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The dangerous and illegal parking must STOP



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I together with the vast majority of parents have finally lost patience with the very small minority of parents who continually show little or no regard for the safety of their own and other parents' children when they arrive or depart from school.

Parents have watched with horror as cars stop before the zebra crossing and children get out of the car into the road. This happens because the driver has no regard for the children in the car and is too lazy to park the car and escort their child or children into school safely.

Parents have watched with horror as cars park on double yellow lines and/or on the pavement knowing how they have now made the road and pavement dangerous. This happens because the driver is too lazy to park their car safely and legally in Yateley or Kingscote Road and escort

their child into school. Parents have also watched with horror as cars park across the drives of our neighbours in the morning and afternoon, preventing local residents from leaving their houses and, worse still, preventing emergency vehicles attending addresses in the vicinity of our school.

When I or Mr. Sansom confront parents who break the law they offer spurious and selfish reasons as to why they are the 'exceptions to the rules' that the vast majority of our parents adhere to. I respectfully remind them that the laws and rules are in place to protect them, their children and all other families who attend Chad Vale School.

This week we received over 10 complaints from Chad Vale parents who are seriously concerned about atrocious and dangerous parking. Our school crossing patrol has also raised very serious concerns about the safety and well-being of himself, parents and children. I have spoken to the police again today and they have assured me that there will be a higher visibility presence over the next few weeks to issue fines and points to drivers illegally parked. If you would like to help, please record any registration numbers of cars illegally parked and report them to the school office, or email: parking@chadvale.bham.sch.uk. In the next few days all parents will also receive a letter from West Midlands Police with a direct telephone number to report registration numbers.

We must STOP the dangerous parking before a child or parent is seriously injured, or killed- please THINK before you park.

Bag2School Reminder



Remember to bring in your blue Bag2School by Monday 3rd October!

If you want to drop off your bag(s) this weekend of feel free. If you require more bags, please collect from the office, or use your green/clear garden waste bags provided by the council! **Please ensure all bags are placed on the grass verge at the bottom of the drive by 9am on Monday...**

Message from Simply Schoolwear

Some parents who ordered school uniform from Simply Schoolwear over the summer holidays were disappointed when their order failed to arrive before the start of term. I have been asked by their Managing Director to share the message below. Please remember that you can now order Chad Vale uniform from Tesco online (visit short link: <http://bit.ly/oNx7Ja>) for more information, or visit the School Shop page the 'Parents' section of our school website.



27th September 2011

Dear Customer,

I write to you after a very busy peak season for Simply Schoolwear.

I know that some of you have experienced difficulty contacting us and delays in getting your order on time: I would like to start by saying sorry if you have not received the level of service you expect and deserve.

Our discount promotion worked so well in June and July that we have been playing 'catch up' ever since. We also saw a late surge of orders in the last week before back to school – again, more than we had planned for. Consequently, we didn't have enough people running our shop and taking calls.

We need to do better.

Please be assured that everyone here is working very hard to ensure your children look the part and that you get a great service.

I can promise you that we will look very seriously at how we can improve going forward – but for now, our focus is on doing everything we can to get every remaining order sent out and to keep our lines of communication open.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Stockton

IMPORTANT! Please check the LOST PROPERTY bin in the entrance. It is already overflowing! Any un-named items that remain in the bin by 4pm today will be bagged up for recycling on Monday morning's Bag 2 School collection.

Schoolcomms Update

Everyone today will receive a paper copy of this newsletter due to the serious nature of the front page news. Over the last few weeks you should have been receiving this letter electronically. If you haven't been receiving it– perhaps your email address has changed– please fill out and return this slip so that we can update our records;

Name of child:

Class:

Contact name 1:..... Email: Mobile.....

Contact name 2:..... Email: Mobile.....

Contact name 3:..... Email: Mobile.....