



Burford School

Drivers' Code of Conduct

This policy was approved by the governing body on 5 July 2007
This policy will be reviewed Summer 2009

In light of some recent letters to our school, from local residents wanting to register complaints against inconsiderate driving practice, we feel it is necessary to remind parents of the Driver's Code of Practice and its aims.

Areas of particular concern are:

- Drivers reversing onto pavements in order to turn their cars around and travel in the opposite direction.
- Parking on the yellow zigzag lines at the school entrance, or on the grass verge opposite.
- Parking vehicles with two wheels on the grass verges.
- Parking in such a way as to obstruct local residents' driveways.

Our aims are to:

- Reduce congestion around school
- Make the route to school safer for children.
- Be mindful of local residents.
- Encourage pupils to use a sustainable form of transport to get to school

With these in mind, we would ask you to remember the following:

1. The yellow zigzag lines before and after school are designed to allow a clear view up and down the road for children to cross safely, especially with the school crossing patrol. If you stop, even to drop off, on these lines, you are making it dangerous for children to cross by obscuring their view.
2. Please park in a way that **does not** obscure the view of the school crossing patrol – avoid parking on the stretch of road **opposite** the zigzags, especially if this means you have to park on the pavement to do so.
3. Keep the view the around junctions clear so that children can cross safely – the Highway Code recommends that cars should not park within 10m (three car lengths) of a junction.
4. Parking on a bend can cause difficulties – for example, cars parked on the bend between Kingsley Drive and Squirrel Rise give rise to a bottleneck where traffic cannot pass safely in both directions – usually causing cars that are driving towards the school to have to mount the pavement. This poses danger to all pedestrians, especially small children, **plus** those who may have mobility problems and/or disabilities.
5. **Be considerate to local residents** by avoiding parking across driveways or on the grass verges. Most people in Marlow Bottom like the grass verges and don't like to see them churned up. Cars parked so far up on a verge or pavement, mean that pedestrians (especially those with pushchairs) have to pass on the road.
6. **Try parking further away from school.** This has several advantages – you will find it easier to find a space and you will probably find it easier to find a place to turn your car round for your return journey. It will also be an opportunity for you and your children to practise walking and for them to learn pedestrian road safety skills.
7. Keep pavements safe for children - keep your car, whether moving or parked, **off the pavement. Avoid using driveways to turn.**
6. Avoid using the junctions of Kingsley Drive and Burford Close as turning circles – children crossing cannot tell the difference between a car that is turning to go up the road and one that is going to swing round for a turning circle. **Drive on until you find a quieter, safer place to turn.**