

## Parents Parking Promise

**Sample letter to parents – please adapt to suit your own school.**

Dear parents

This year we are looking at healthy travel and safety for children on their journey to and from school in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

We take the safety of our children very seriously and have identified that the area immediately around the school entrance(s) is unsafe for the children when they arrive at or leave school. This is because of the inappropriate parking, particularly on the zig zag lines. The zig zags lines are there so that children can have a clear field of view to see traffic approaching and likewise, drivers have a clear view of any children who might wish to cross the road. If the zig zags are blocked by inconsiderate parking, then neither driver nor child can see each other and the risk of an accident is greatly increased. *(You may wish to add any comments pupils have made about their feelings regarding high levels of vehicle movements outside the school entrance such as feeling unsafe).*

Ideally every child would walk or cycle to school each day, but we realise this is not always possible. Sometimes children need to be driven to school as some live too far away to walk or parents have other commitments.

If you do need to drive, we would ask that you sign the Parents Parking Promise and commit to parking safely in an appropriate place away from the school entrance so as to help protect all members of our school community. We would also ask that you show consideration to our neighbours by not blocking the entrance to their properties. *(If you have a Park and Stride site or particular place you would like parents to use, you could mention it here. You could also attach a map showing their location).*

By working together we can make our school safer and healthier for everyone.

Headteacher