



Dear Parents & Carers

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## SAFE SCHOOL RUN PLEDGE

Safe parking outside our school is important. It helps our children and families to feel safe & confident on the school run.

We asked children how they feel when they are dropped off / picked up at the end of the day. This is what they said:

'When parents are in a rush they park where they should not'

'Fire engines, ambulances, police cars won't be able to get past if cars do not park properly.'

'Too many cars mean pollution levels go up and we breathe this in. It is not good for our health.'

'When we have to cross the road in between parked cars, it's not always safe.'

'Outside my school there's always lots of cars parked and it is very busy.'

**To meet these identified needs of feeling safe and confident, we are launching a 'Safe School Run Pledge' and we hope ALL parents/carers will sign up.**

The aim of this 'Safe School Run Pledge' is to promote responsible and considerate parking when children are dropped off or picked up outside our schools.

By signing up to this pledge, you will be helping to ensure; school drop off/collection times are as safe as possible.

If you would like to be part of the safe school run pledge, please sign the form attached below and return to school.

In support there are a few useful resources below we can offer you: -

- A special safe school run pledge badge you can display in your car to show others your commitment to the scheme. This will hopefully encourage other drivers to do the same.
- Information on the [NCC Road Safety website](#) including, [learning resources](#), a useful Parking Information Leaflet and a Calendar of [Road Safety National Events](#) that may be of interest highlighting many active travel events that families can engage with in supporting the safe school run pledge.



**Safe School Run Pledge:**

By signing the pledge, you would agree to:

- Walk to school whenever possible or parking further from the school and walking the last bit of the journey
- Park safely outside the school. Keeping the yellow zig zag line outside the school gate free. This keeps the area clear so all road users can see the school entrance and keep our children safer on their way to and from school.
- Not park on the pavement - pavements are important for our children to walk to school. They need to be kept free of obstructions and to enable the independence of vulnerable, older, or disabled people who may have visual or mobility impairments who need to use the path. To allow families with pushchairs to safely walk on the pavement without having to walk into the road to go around vehicles parked on the pavement.
- Park considerately and think about the local resident who may need to access to their homes.
- If applicable not to park in the staff car park (this also applies to parents/carers dropping children off, picking up for any school clubs) unless authorised by the School.
- Turn off my engine when parked (improving air quality & keeping us healthier)

This initiative is supported by Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and we look forward to your support too.

Yours sincerely

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**HOSRFORD CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SAFE SCHOOL RUN PLEDGE**

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- Not park on the pavement - pavements are important for our pupils walking to school they need to be kept free of obstructions this also enables the independence of the vulnerable, older, or disabled people who may have visual or mobility impairments who need to use the path. To allow families with pushchairs to safely walk on the pavement without having to walk into the road to go around vehicles parked on the pavement.
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