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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Over the last few weeks, there has been an increase in cars driving into the School Street in St Clements Gardens during the restriction times. There are some people who are regularly, illegally, entering and parking within the School Street, including parking on double yellow lines. Ignoring the restrictions puts both your own and other children's safety at risk; it also means that you are committing a criminal offence, that can and will be reported to Dorset Police.

### What is a School Street?

Since March 2022, a School Street has been in place at St Clements Gardens to help create a safer, healthier environment for pupils, families and residents. A School Street is a road outside the school that is temporarily closed to most motor vehicles during busy drop off and pick up times. The restriction is implemented through a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which is a legally binding measure. Clear signage at the entry points shows when the restriction is in force. **Please note that St Clements Gardens is closed to general traffic at the stated times even when no physical barrier or stewards are present.**

### Operating times:

The School Street operates during term time only at the following times:

- Morning drop-off: 8.00-9.00am
- Afternoon pick-up: 2.15-3.30pm

During these times **motor vehicles are not permitted to enter the School Street zone unless exempt.**

**Penalty Charge Notices (fines)** may be issued for entering the School Street unlawfully, as well as a range of other parking offences, including:

- Parking or waiting on a **Double Yellow Line**
- Parking, waiting or dropping off/picking up on **Yellow Zigzag School Keep Clear Road markings.**
- Blocking an informal crossing point, identified by **Dropped Kerbs and Tactile Paving.**
- **Obstructing a driveway** by parking across or on it without the resident's permission.

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- **Parking on pavements** and blocking the footway, preventing children, elderly people, wheelchair users, parents pushing a buggy and the visually impaired from safely getting past and potentially forcing them into the road.

#### **How to report a moving traffic offence to Dorset Police:**

If you see dangerous driving, problem parking, or vehicles ignoring the School Street restrictions, this needs to be reported to the Police. You can report it through the Dorset Road Safe website or Operation Snap uploading a photo or a video. Reporting incidents, especially persistent or unsafe behaviour, helps keep the streets around the school safer for everyone.

**Dorset Road Safe** <https://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk/enforcement-operations/reporting-traffic-concerns/>  
**Operation Snap** [Operation Snap - Dorset Road Safe Partnership](#)

Alternatively, you can call **101**

#### **To report an illegally parked vehicle:**

You can also report cars that are parked illegally to the **BCP Council Parking Team**. To report an illegally parked vehicle: call [01202 128 900](tel:01202128900) or email [parking@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parking@bcpcouncil.gov.uk). Please note the email is only monitored during office hours, Monday to Friday.

#### **Active travel information:**

BCP Sustainable Travel Team and our colleagues from the Walk Wheel and Cycle Trust are working with the school to promote more walking, wheeling and cycling to school as well as the use of public transport to reduce unnecessary car journeys and to improve road safety outside the school. We ask that those that need to drive to school, consider parking further away from school and walk or wheel the last 5-10 minutes to ensure all routes close to the school are kept clearer. If you need to park close to the school, always be considerate to other road users, residents and the many parents/carers & children who do actively travel to school. **Remember that you cannot park within St Clements Gardens.**

Volunteer School Street stewards help keep the road safe for the children. If you could spare an hour or two a week to help the school with this please use this link: [St Clement's and St John's Church of England Infant School - School Streets](#)

By working together, we're helping to make the journey to school safer, cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for supporting the St Clement's and St John's School Street initiative and helping to build a healthier future for your children.

Yours faithfully,

Safer Routes to School Team  
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