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Dear Parent and Carers

Bobby Colleran was a bright, fun and loving boy. He was good at football. He loved playing cowboys and Indians, and he loved his Xbox. As his mum put it, he was, "Cheeky but charming."

He loved his family and friends, and would not allow anyone to be upset or alone when he was around.

**On 24 October 2014, while Bobby was returning home from Blackmoor Park Infant School with his mum, he was knocked down and he died. He was six years old.**

We need your help to ensure that no family from Hazeldene or the Hills ever faces what Bobby's family did. If you park illegally at drop off or pick up you are increasing the chance that child won't be seen by a driver.

**Parking rules are there to keep our children safe – not to inconvenience you.**

The Highway Code rule 238 states

- You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone)
- **Double yellow lines** indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.
- You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (YELLOW ZIGZAGS) when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping. (Law RTRA sects 5 & 8)

As you are aware this is an issue we are really passionate about and for the past few years we have been in constant discussions with both the Local council and the police to see what can be done to solve some of the parking issues. Our Local Councilor has been working very hard on our behalf to try and find solutions. Before the pandemic we were discussing placing a traffic camera in the area and providing me with body cameras. We will revisit this with the council in the next few weeks.

Over the past couple of years' measures have been put in place to try and alleviate some of the problems, bollards were placed round the mini roundabout and down Pennine Way. They also extended the double yellow lines opposite the zigzag lines in front of the main school entrance.

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Bedford Borough Council will continue to use the Camera Car to monitor parking. Use of the camera car will enable more efficient and effective enforcement of the parking restrictions outside of school. The Camera Car uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology to detect offences for review by Civil Enforcement Officers prior to a Penalty Charge Notice being issued through the post. I will also continue to monitor the situation and send to the council photos and license numbers of cars driving and parking inconsiderately and dangerously.

If you have a concern and wish to report an illegally parked vehicle, please contact the Enforcement Team on [enforcement.team@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:enforcement.team@bedford.gov.uk) or call 01234 718359. An enforcement officer will respond to your request as soon as possible, but they may not be able to do so immediately if they are patrolling elsewhere in the Borough.

Now the mornings and evenings are getting lighter and the weather is getting warmer to ease this problem I would also encourage parents and pupils to use more sustainable modes of travel to get to school where this is possible.

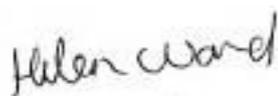
I do understand that parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school, however I would urge where possible for parents/guardians to park away from the school and then walk in.

**Please could you think of the safety of ALL our children and refrain from parking across resident's driveways as this is an offence which could also result in a Penalty Charge Notice.**

Thank you in advance for your support in this important issue and let's hope together we can ensure the safety of the children and be more considerate to our local residents.

Yours Sincerely

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