

Thursday 9th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Hackney Council's 'School - Keep Clear' marking scheme

This letter is to inform you that Hackney Council will be enforcing the 'School - Keep Clear' markings outside Morningside through the use of CCTV cameras. The cameras are fixed on a pole outside the school and will record any contraventions that take place.

Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) will then be issued to motorists that do not conform to the rules restricting them from waiting, stopping or parking even to pick up or drop off children to school on yellow zig-zag line. Please be advised that illegally parked vehicles may be issued a penalty charge notice without it being attached to the vehicle. These penalty charge notices will be sent out through the post.

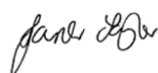
The main reasons Hackney Council are carrying out this scheme is to ensure that areas outside schools are kept clear for children and parents so that they are seen by passing traffic, and for them to have a clear crossing area outside school so they do not emerge between parked cars when crossing the road.

We wish to encourage parents/carers and children to use sustainable forms of transport. However, surveys show that one of the reasons often given for not walking is that it is so dangerous outside school gates and that it is impossible to cross safely when they get to school because of all the cars.

In a bid to keep all children safe, the times of the 'School - Keep Clear' markings will be enforced by CCTV cameras. Therefore we would ask that if you have to take your child to school by car, please consider parking a few streets away and walking with your child to the school gate. A short walk every day will keep you and your child healthier and fitter and give you the opportunity to teach your children valuable road safety skills.

95% of pupils live within 1 mile of the school, which is a 20 minute walk for a child. Walking will also save you over £100 each year in petrol costs. Walking briskly on a regular basis is good for your heart and lungs, helps burn calories and is a brilliant way to a healthier active lifestyle. There is growing evidence of the effect of pollution on children's health and the school is keen to keep the environment outside the school free of pollution. We would love to see a car free road outside our school, so thank you for your cooperation!

Yours faithfully,



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