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Attn
Parent and Carer
Drivers

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Dear Parent and Carer Drivers,

Urgent message to all School Staff, Parents and Carers

We would like you to extend an impassioned plea to your parents/carers.

The council takes the safety of our children very seriously, but there is **no excuse for bad driving behaviour** and there is **no excuse for endangering the lives of children and families** waiting to get into school. We have heard from some staff at our schools, describing some unpleasant and sometimes, abusive behaviour towards teaching staff, our Civil Enforcement Officers and other parents.

We are all aware of the government's messages of social distancing, however, this is not an excuse to drive children right up to the school gate.

A congested street outside the school gate creates even less space for people to be able to distance from each other. Idling cars give off poisonous fumes that harm young lungs too.

With the onset of winter, we need to make sure our children can access the school safely, without the possibility of cars reversing into them, or being left to negotiate a street full of cars when parents let them out in the middle of the road.

Drivers please consider how your actions adversely affect others, before driving to school.

We will be working with our civil enforcement team and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams to ensure these messages are delivered and where necessary enforcement will be carried out.

A Penalty Charge Notice is £130.00 when issued for parking on school zig zags and double yellow lines.



Safety on the journey to and from school is important and now, more than ever, we need our school streets to be safer and clearer of traffic. This is a choice that drivers can make - leave your car behind and the problems reduce.

There are a lot of our schools and parents asking for School Streets. This is not an option for Bounds Green School.

We are aware there are some extenuating circumstances, where there is no alternative to driving, however, most of our pupils do live within a 15 minute walking distance from their primary school.

Please take time to look at the journey to your school. In most circumstances, it is quicker to walk your child to school and then return home to go on to work.

www.haringey.gov.uk/school-journeys is our web page that has tips and supporting resources to help you make a better choice of journey.

There are free downloadable resources for you on this site, and on <https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/>



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