



I would like to ask for your support in a matter concerning the health and safety of our students.

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and even more so at leaving times. Some people are parking irresponsibly, placing children and adults in danger.

Following complaints from residents and parents about a minority of 'dangerous and inconsiderate' adults responsible for drop off and collection, I need to remind you that we must maintain a safe journey to school for all. I understand all too well the time pressures that parents are under but safety must come first. We can do this in a number of ways.

**Parking guidelines for collection and drop off:**

- Consider the safety of children at all times
- Please do not park on the footpath directly opposite the school as this narrows the roadway for passing traffic, especially buses.
- If parking in Mullavilly Green or Mullavilly Heights please show consideration to residents by not parking directly in front of their driveways. Do not park on the footpath or on the give way lines at the entrance to these developments, as this restricts the views of drivers trying to turn onto the main road.
- Please do not stop your car in the middle of the road and 'jump' out, to collect your child. This is extremely dangerous and could cause an accident.
- Keep a low travelling speed in and around the school area.
- We are an Active Travel School and encourage children to walk, scoot and travel to school.

Parking at Mullavilly has been an issue for some time and there is no easy solution in the short term future. The introduction of the Breakfast Club and supervision of children in the mornings has eased the 9 o'clock drop off congestion. I have asked teachers to endeavour to ensure pupils are released promptly from class and have introduced staggered school closures for afterschool clubs, on days when the whole school is being released to help with traffic issues at the end of the day.

I appreciate your help adhering to these guidelines and please consider your driving and parking when coming to school.

Please do not hesitate to email me your comments and suggestions regarding this matter.

Mrs McClimonds  
Principal