



Important Traffic Management and Enforcement Announcement



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In furtherance of Road Safety for all road users in the vicinity of Colaiste Choilm, and in response to concerns raised and having conducted a risk assessment. An Garda Síochána and Cork County Council have agreed a policy of Traffic Management and Enforcement.

Acknowledged:

- We acknowledge and accept your desire to see your children safe to school.
- We acknowledge and accept that the Schools population, location and Road Infrastructure add to Traffic Management challenges.
- We acknowledge and accept that a strict application of Traffic and Parking Regulations would not resolve concerns and that a common sense solution is required.
- We acknowledge your assistance and support for Road Safety measures. This is greatly appreciated.

Our Concerns:

- Non Operational Traffic Lights at Pedestrian Crossings.
- Indiscriminate parking of vehicles on both sides of the Main Road severely blocking or restricting traffic flow.
- Blocking and restriction of Cycle Lanes.
- Unattended cars abandoned while occupants attend at School meetings.
- Using Traffic Lanes as set down areas.
- Students and Pedestrians failing to use allocated crossing points.
- High Risk of Serious Road Traffic Incident occurring.

Our Solution:

- Traffic Lights and Pedestrian Crossing Controls have been repaired. Students are asked to cross at these points only, to ensure their Safety.
- **A "Set Down Only" and "Collection Only" will be allowed on the School side of Main Street during peak times. Parking within two car Lengths of School Entrance and Exit is prohibited.**
- **"Set Down" or "Collection" on the side opposite the School is prohibited.**
- **Parking, either Short term or Long Term, on either side of the road will be strictly prohibited.**
- Abandoned Cars will be removed.
- Traffic Lanes cannot be used for set down. Stopping in the lane to let out passengers creates an obstruction and places your passengers in danger.
- Queuing on Traffic Lanes for set down or collection is prohibited.

Our Enforcement Policy:

- An Garda Síochána will have responsibility for enforcement of the solutions set out above.
- From commencement, a two week period of "Familiarisation" will be facilitated by An Garda Síochána.
- After the Familiarisation process, full enforcement of Traffic and Parking Regulations, in accordance with the solutions above will commence.
- Pilot policy will run from Easter to Summer recess after which a full critical review will be undertaken. Your views, observations, suggestions or criticism's would be appreciated before full role out in September 2013.

We look forward to your support in creating a safer environment for all road users.

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