



St. Julie's Catholic High School

Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing 20/1/20

This has got to stop!

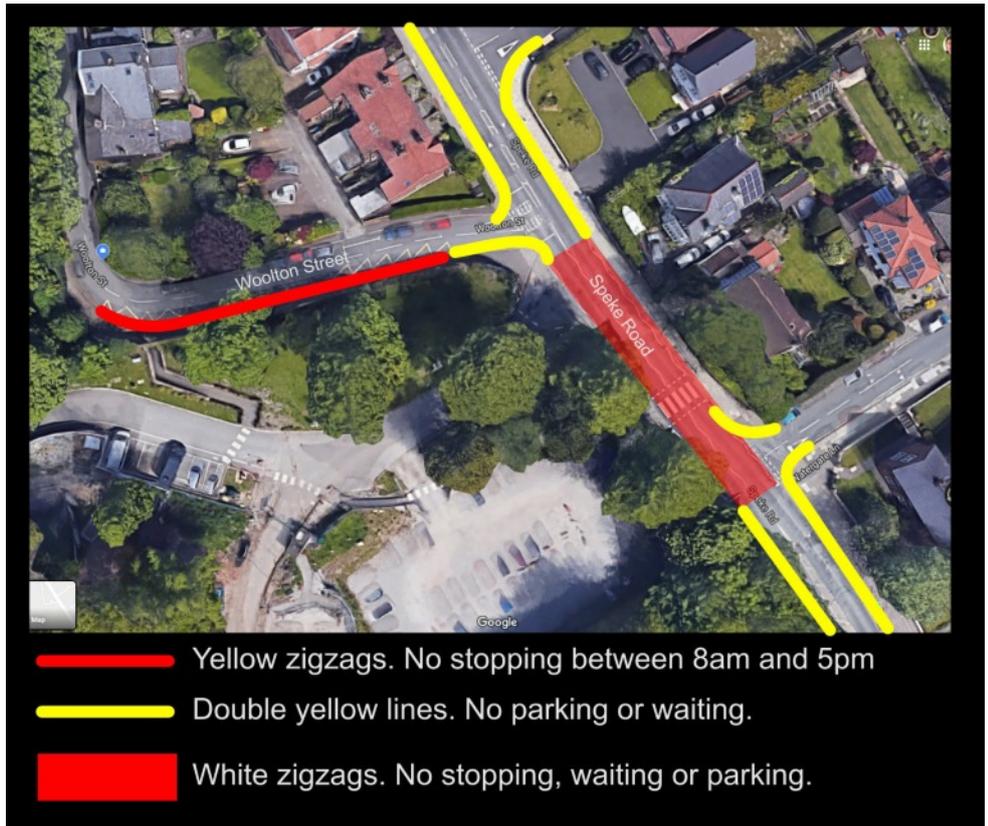
Unfortunately our usual newsletter has been suspended this week to highlight an important safety issue after a **member of staff was struck by a vehicle** that had been dropping students off at school.

Please take a moment to look at the plan on the right, which highlights the traffic movement restrictions on the roads around the school.

The zebra crossing on Speke Road has extensive white zigzag lines on either side of the crossing, which extend up to and beyond the school vehicle entrance gate. Stopping, waiting and parking on white zigzags is illegal and can incur penalty points and a fine.

An extensive area on Woolton Street has a yellow zigzag with an enforcement sign for the hours of 8am to 5pm on weekdays. Stopping during these hours is not permitted. The remainder of Speke Road close to the school is restricted by double yellow lines, on which waiting and parking is prohibited.

The image below shows the vehicle entrance to the site which is used by emergency vehicles, bin collection trucks, food delivery trucks and other large vehicles. Some parents have taken to using the highlighted red zone as a pick up and drop off point. This is in breach of several conditions of Highway Code rule 243 which prohibits stopping near a school entrance,



anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, in front of an entrance to a property and within 10m of a junction.

Parent vehicles are not allowed on site without prior arrangement, and staff that have been on gate duty to enforce this have recently been subjected to verbal abuse.

We have regularly appealed to parents to use their vehicles responsibly, including every week in the weekly newsletter for over a year, and we strongly urge you to drop off on the High Street dual carriageway which offers a pedestrian route into school that requires no crossing of roads, or to consider alternative arrangements for your daughter including bus

travel or walking to school. Research has shown that walking to school has a positive impact on learning, and this impact is increased if students walk into school with friends.

Going Forward:

As the risk to safety is significant and proven, doing nothing is not an option for us as a responsible school. We have contacted Merseyside Police who have offered their ongoing support and committed additional staffing resources to maintain a presence outside school. In turn, we commit to fully support the prosecution of any driver found to be committing an offence with their vehicle outside school, including assisting with evidence where required.