

## How would you feel if your driveway was blocked?

We have received several complaints from residents both on Culverley and Penderley Roads regarding illegal and inconsiderate parking by parents when dropping off and collecting children. This current pattern of behaviour is endangering the lives of our pupils, especially those who travel independently. We kindly ask that you help us to keep our pupils safe and to please respect our neighbours by not parking your vehicle across their drives, on their drives and double parking on the street. Failure to comply will result in details being passed over to the Local Authority's Parking Enforcement Team.



## Dinner Money

Thank you to all of those who have been keeping their accounts up to date. The dinner money cost for this half term is £56. If your account is in arrears of over £20, you are at risk of being removed from school dinners. Please make sure these arrears are cleared via ParentPay.

## Uniform

Please be informed that Heelys (shoes with wheels), hooped earrings and necklaces must not be worn in school. If any of these items are seen to be worn by a child they will be confiscated and returned to the parent/carer at the end of the day. We do ask that pupils do follow our uniform policy at all times.

## Theme for Summer 1—Resilience

Tough times don't last; Tough people do.

## Foot First on Fridays

To promote a healthy lifestyle amongst our families and within our community, we would like to encourage pupils to walk all or part of the way to school on Fridays.

This is a great way to get pupils feeling the benefits of regular walking. It is proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class as they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn!

By walking to school one day a week, this would reduce daily congestion which would contribute to cleaner air and fewer road traffic accidents.

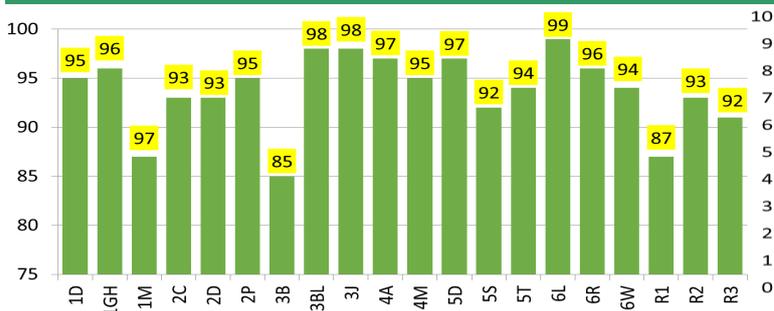
Join us on our mission to put our Foot First on FRIDAYS!



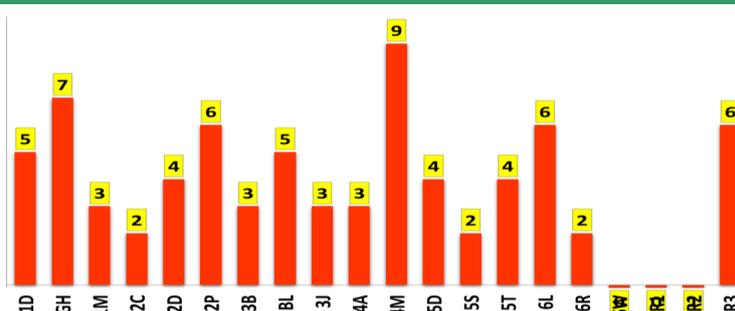
## 1st Step To Going PAPERLESS

After May half term, we will no longer be producing paper copies of the Greenpaper. A weekly text shall be sent with a link to the latest edition on our website. This is to help us to become more paper efficient. If you would like to provide any feedback, please email [admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rusheygreen.lewisham.sch.uk).

Well done to 6L, let's aim for 100%!



Well done 6W, R1 and R2 who came to school every day!



**Please view letter below from a resident on Culverley Road.**

**For the Attention of**

Mr M Grocock  
Acting Headteacher  
Rushey Green Primary School  
Culverley Road  
London  
SE6 2LA

25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Reference: Parents routinely endangering school children violating street parking road regulations**  
**Double-parking vehicles of parents collecting children from school**  
**Persistent traffic fumes from double parked vehicles leaving engines running on Culverley Road**  
**School parents blocking in residents of Culverley Road during school runs**

Dear Mr Grocock,

Yesterday I met with the reception staff of Rushey Green Primary School who have furnished me with your contact details.

I am the honorary secretary of the Cavendish Court Association representing the residence on Culverley Road and affiliated to the Culverley Green Residents Association as a long-term resident of Culverley Road over the past twenty years.

Rushey Green school staff are aware of the problems posed by parental parking behaviour during school pick-ups. I understand that the school have tried to have words with parents to change their behaviour. The evidence however is that these strategies are failing.

Please find the images recorded from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 3pm-3.15pm on Culverley Road. The offending vehicles, were all involved in waiting, parking, obstructing residents by blocking them in, or out, and double parking, during this pick-up for the school run. Their vehicle registrations have been recorded and can be double-checked against school records.

We are concerned above this on-going anti-social pattern of behaviour from parents at Rushey Green School. Their lack of consideration for the school's neighbours on our residential street, have blighted our lives, reduced the quality of air through vehicular pollution. Significantly, these parents' parking behaviours for their own convenience, put children's lives at risk by parking in unacceptable locations immediately outside the school where clear road signage indicates double yellow lines; "Keep Clear" and zig-zag warning signs to grant clear vision for children crossing the road unaided.

Over the year, there have been a number of altercations with double-parked parents recorded by our residents: parents who double park, blocking traffic, "play" with their mobile phone, pretending to ignore the traffic mayhem on Culverley Road which they have created by double parking and reducing the wide road to a single file passage for bi-directional vehicular access. Our residents have recorded being blocked out of their own drive way and unable to access their own home to park their own cars. By far, this is not a specific driver or vehicle: it is a widespread pattern during the school runs and requires a change, in parental driving patterns and awareness of the impact of their behaviour on the neighbourhood.

The sample of images were taken on just one day, and are representative of the usual pattern of traffic danger to children. Children cannot see past the heights of some of these vehicles; the vehicles are parked too closely to the school exit gates with no supervisory attendant for road crossing. This creates a specific risk to children of collision and accidental injury when parked cars by parents, frustrate moving vehicles through their obstruction, leading to impeded moving vehicles, speeding up to escape the blockade unintentionally formed by these parents.

On the issue of air quality and the pollution generated by this high mass of vehicular access immediately onto Culverley Road, the Nitrogen Dioxide levels in air pollution outside Rushey Green have already been recorded in 2015 at a risk level just below the acceptable European Union recommendations for safe breathing for children at 36 parts per million: <http://clogsilk.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/pollution-monitoring-in-catford-and.html>

Formally reported in the local press:

[http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/15494307.Catford has dangerously high levels of air pollution as campaigners call for action/](http://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/15494307.Catford+has+dangerously+high+levels+of+air+pollution+as+campaigners+call+for+action/)

Lastly, what concerns us pertains to parental modelling behaviour. The children see their parents park on double yellow lines; violate "No Parking" risk areas; double park and block traffic.

What kind of human example, does this pattern of driving and parking behaviour, set for their children who become the adults of the future?

Yours sincerely

Dr R Lam  
Honorary Secretary for the Cavendish Court Association  
Member of the Culverley Green Residents Association

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