

7th December 2018

RE: School Car Park

Dear Parent,

I periodically write to remind you about safety matters in relation to the school car park and getting to and from school safely. I am writing again as there have been a number of safety concerns flagged with myself recently from parents and staff.

In the morning the front car park is only for use by staff and visitors to the school. Parking spaces are limited and not for use by parents. Those who have received a pass to allow them to use the drive through in an evening are not able to park in the car park in the morning. The bollard is raised at 8.30am and the area is then pedestrianised for the safety of everyone. The drive through and drop off zone can be used by all parents in the morning.

As you are aware, there is **no access to the car park for vehicles at 3.30pm**. If necessary, blue badge holders can contact the school to discuss whether the bollard can be lowered for them, but this would only be in a rare case. As the disabled parking bays are limited, you need to complete an application form to apply for a parking pass.

The drive through collection in the front car park operates at 3.30pm. Only those parents who have applied, been granted permission and received their pass, can use the drive through zone after school. Anyone making this request on the day will be politely turned away. If you wish to apply for a pass, please complete an application form and return it to the main reception. If approved, a pass will be issued shortly thereafter.

I understand the limitation on the number of parking spaces in the village. However, I have noticed that people are beginning to park on the grass verge on the opposite side of the road to the school. This piece of land is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and this type of parking causes even greater frustration and disappointment in the village. We would ask that parents be respectful and cooperate in not parking on the grass verges.

I would like to reiterate that we view parking on the main road adjacent to the school car park as dangerous. We often hear stories of near misses, or children in the road while getting into cars, and therefore we request that all access or egress is via School Lane please. I would like to emphasise that the front car park should not be used as a 'quick' entry or exit route to the main road by anyone.

As you are aware the school operates a bus service, picking up from a variety of different stops along the B3181 and Pinhoe area. There are still available spaces on these buses and we are keen to encourage use of this service to reduce traffic on the road.

Thank you once again in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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