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St Peter's Cross Keys Academy

# Car Parking Policy

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Car parking at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem at most primary schools. Children and parents arrive and depart in a relatively short period of time and this causes congestion and considerable danger to children, residents and parents.

Car parking is severely restricted outside our school. Drivers parking cars at the school, near it or dropping or collecting children at the school should at all times have consideration for the safety of pedestrians, other road users and the immediate community. In particular, care when children are crossing the road should be observed at all times.

The school car park is not to be used by parents either dropping off or picking up children from the school (unless before 8.30 or after 3.45pm). Parents who are dropping children off for breakfast should park on the right hand side of the carpark, next to the two bollards, or under the trees if early drop off, leaving enough space for staff cars to park. This will enable staff to park in such a way to maximise the number of cars parked with less vehicles parked on the roads outside school.

**Children are NOT allowed at any time within the car parking area.**

There have been instances causing unnecessary danger to children and adults:

- children/adults narrowly avoiding collisions with moving vehicles
- cars entering the school site at peak times when children are arriving/leaving
- cars stopping or parking on the restricted yellow marked area outside the gates
- cars parking on pavements/residents grass verges
- cars parked inconsiderately preventing residents from leaving their own homes
- cars driving along pavements to get around congestion
- periodic complaints from residents about drivers' behaviour and vehicle obstruction
- damage to parents and residents cars
- parents arriving late and driving too quickly
- motorised scooters weaving in and out of pedestrians on congested pathways
- cars parking on/across the corner at Fairfield Avenue – preventing pedestrians from crossing safely / reducing visibility for those crossing roads on foot

**Please park on the right hand side only as you approach the school in order to keep one side of Sandhill Road completely clear of cars. This will help keep all pedestrians, especially children safe.**

**Please** walk to school if you can. If you have to come by car, try to share trips with neighbours or friends, observe the road markings and park considerately on these residential roads. The school also has a duty of care to its neighbours. Parking on restricted areas or mounting the pavement is a traffic offence.

So please remember:

- No parent vehicles to enter the school car park after 8.30 (allowing for breakfast club drop-offs beforehand) and before 3.45 (after school club pick up) unless it is an emergency
- No parking outside the school gates – this is a restricted area as signaled by the yellow markings
- No parking on the pavements or grass verges
- Respect our neighbours – do not block their drives and park considerately

Thank you for helping to keep our school a safe place.

Please **DO**

- Try to make these initiatives work for the benefit of pupil safety, local residents and yourselves.
- Leave plenty of time for your planned journey
- Try to leave your car at home as much as possible and walk instead.
- Park away from the school and complete the last stage of your journey on foot

Consider cycling to/from school, even just occasionally, as an alternative to using the car. We provide Bikeability instruction during June each year to our year 5/6 pupils - cyclists make safer and more considerate drivers in later life!

Please **DON'T**

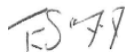
- Rush to arrive just before or at school class opening times; give us a ring if you are worried about being late
- Be put off your walk to school by cold or wet weather, or even the threat of it!
- Drive all the way to the school gate.
- Stop on road markings, park or drive on the pavements, double park or obstruct the residents' driveways.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

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Signed: Chair of Governors:



Date: 7/2024

Headteacher:



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