

St Peter's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Car Parking

As parents are aware, this school has been fortunate over many years to have use of the car park belonging to the 'Babbage' building to the left of school. However, Staffs County Council, which currently owns the building and land, has decided to sell the property as the most recent tenants have vacated the premises. As parents know, the gate lock was changed over the weekend for security reasons (with no prior warning to the school) and, subsequently, the car park is no longer available to parents. (It is worth mentioning that very few schools have the advantage of a car park for sole use of parents and carers when dropping off and collecting their children.)

Yesterday and this morning – as a result of the above – there was a situation amounting to chaos at dropping off and picking times especially on the road outside school and on the staff car park at the top of the school. In the interests of everyone's safety, it is vital that the following points are taken note of:

- If at all possible, please walk to school with your child or if s/he is old enough, encourage him/her to walk to school with friends;
- If you should park on the road please remember to do so considerately and remember that it is a criminal offence to park on the zig-zag lines outside school;
- If driving to school is the only option, consider parking a little further away from school where it isn't as busy;
- As from tomorrow (Wednesday) morning, parents are permitted to park on the church car park (to the right of the school and accessed from the road). Many thanks to the church wardens for allowing this. Please be aware that this is a grass car park and not a hard surface one;
- The car parks at the rear of the school can only be used outside of normal dropping off and collection times including when using Out of School Club and after school sports clubs. **These car parks should not be used when dropping off and collecting children at normal times;**
- **The staff car park (next to the entrance at the top of the school) should not be used by parents under any circumstances.** Several parents have dropped their children off in this car park over the last two days; clearly this is very dangerous.



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Unfortunately, if parents should persist in using the car parks on the school site, at normal dropping off and picking up times, the school will have little choice but to close the main gates at these times; this shouldn't be necessary.

I am aware that removing a facility such as a car park with no notice is inconvenient. However, it is essential for the safety of everyone, **especially the children**, that parents act with some thought, care and consideration when dropping off and collecting their children.

N.B. If parents are blue badge holders, please inform the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Alexander
Headteacher



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