

St. Peter's Primary School



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Respecting our community

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are in the second week of term already, a huge well done to all of our children who have returned happy to see their friends and teachers and ready to learn. Thank you all as parents and carers for helping prepare them so admirably.

I do however have an important, and urgent request for your further assistance. We appreciate that it can be very difficult to park near to St. Peter's. Unfortunately, we have received a number of concerns and some complaints from the school's neighbours regarding what they consider to be inconsiderate, unsafe and possibly illegal parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school and parking across private driveways restricting residents' ability to access their properties. Some residents have cited the possibility of significant risk of injury to a child as they observe children not under control in the vicinity of cars, especially on Bramley Orchards.

As a school, we speak to the children regularly about road safety and keeping safe when crossing the road but it is difficult for us to control road awareness beyond the confines of the school site, so we are asking for your help. Please help us to ensure that children have a happy and safe journey into school each morning by considering one of the following:

Walking wherever possible – not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is much better for the environment.

Car sharing – does anybody live near you? Could you take it in turns to drive in and collect your children to ease the congestion outside the school at key times of the day?

Parking responsibly – as with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on any zig-zag lines at any time of day is prohibited.

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. Please remember that St. Peter's is located in a residential area but if we each take some personal responsibility, we can make sure that our school area is a safe place.

We appreciate your support in this matter and thank those who walk or drive responsibly to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Yarnold
Head of School

