



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

To follow in Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

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Dear Parents

We are quickly drawing to the end of the first half term and would like to thank you all for the help and assistance you have given to the school over the last term and year. We have exciting times ahead not least with the increasing numbers of pupils and building work that will hopefully be commencing in the near future.

As a school we have made changes to the start of the day with the drop children off system and are in the process of introducing the Walking buses, Walk once a Week (WOW) scheme and the park and stride initiative. It is hoped that these will be appealing to parents and aid the school in trying to assist in the reduction of the number of cars on the immediate roads outside the gates. From reports we have had from parents, the drop off system is working well and the other initiatives are beginning to gather momentum and numbers.

I am saddened that I feel the need to reiterate that all parents that all cars should be parked in a manner that is legal. Some residents have reported to the Academy Committee that this has not been the case for a number of parents. As a school we expect every road user to follow the Highway Code and do so in a responsible manner, as an expansion takes place with the school increasing in size this need is paramount, if we are to ensure that the children in our care can witness good example and have their safety and wellbeing taken care of. We ask all parents to park vehicles sensibly and have consideration for our neighbours, who have at times, so we have been informed, had to put up with some verbal abuse. As a past parent of St Joseph's I can empathise with the frustrations of trying to collect your child and not being able to park.

We have asked the local authorities, police and the traffic enforcement officers to monitor the situation and have asked for this to increase. The school has no powers outside the school gates, nor can we enforce how parents act there either, but we would like you to think about how you would feel if you constantly had to ask people to move off your drive, off your grass or from blocking access to your property. Please could we politely ask all parents to be considerate road users especially when picking up and dropping off at school. May I remind parents of one of the statements in our St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 'Home School Agreement'.

- Parents agree to.... 'Liaise with the school staff to create a positive working partnership to enable them to carry out their duty of care to my child.'

We are very grateful and proud of the large majority of our parents who support us and actively try to embrace our requests and initiative. Please could we ask for 100% compliance in supporting our duty of care to keep our children safe and provide a peaceful environment for their schooling.

Yours sincerely

Dr Kirsty Hill

Chair of the Academy Committee



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