



Parsons Heath

Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Those of you who are new to the school may not know that the community runs a voluntary one way system to coincide with the beginning and end of the school day. This system has greatly eased problems with access to the school and helped with road safety. The request is that between the hours of 8:30am - 9:00am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm vehicles enter Templewood Road from Churnwood and travel in the same direction leaving Templewood turning left or right into Brinkley Crescent (i.e. vehicles will not enter Templewood Road from Brinkley Crescent).

Can we also remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used for dropping off, pulling in or turning. The zig-zag lines around the school gate are there to ensure a safe crossing place for children. Please do not pull up on these, even for a few minutes.

Local residents and parents have expressed concerns about illegal and unsafe parking around school and we would like your support in addressing it. Local residents say that there are times when they are unable to leave their homes in the morning and cars continue to be parked unsafely on pavements. If an ambulance or fire engine needed access to a local home, this could actually put lives at risk. I would ask, however, that you do not approach a driver directly as altercations outside school are unpleasant and frightening for the children. I am especially disappointed to hear of parents being abusive when confronted. If anything of this nature occurs please make me aware and I will approach the parents and carers and notify the police if necessary.

Please consider parking a short distance from school and walk in. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious and it is only a matter of time before a parent in a hurry to drop off their child and get on with their day results in a serious injury or worse. We have **opened** the gate at **St Johns Road** to alleviate pressure on other areas.

Our only concern is to create a safer environment for the children as they arrive at and leave school. Please help us to create a school where children's safety outside school is a greater priority than convenient parking that puts children's lives at risk. Let's work together to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Claire Newson
Headteacher

belonging

respect

compassion

endurance

friendship

trust

Headteacher:
Mrs Claire Newson

