

Parking & Traffic Management Policy



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Purpose

Following ongoing concerns about dangerous and inconsiderate driving and parking outside the school, the Governing Body has introduced the following parking policy to help safeguard our pupils and address the concerns of the local community. Whilst the enforcement of parking on the Highways is outside the jurisdiction of the school, the safety of the children and the reputation of the schools behaviours are a Governing Body concern. We ask that you read the guidance, and adhere to the following instructions in order to keep our school a safe and respectful environment for all. Can you also please ensure that these principles are shared with any additional family /carers that might be collecting your child, so that everyone is aware of the policy.

Traffic movement

Due to the nature of the small lanes within the village, we ask that you adhere to a self enforced **one way system** on Jackson's Lane. This will involve heading down towards the school from the Blacksmith's Lane / Brickyard Lane junctions. When leaving the area, we ask that you continue on past the school and either head down the High Street or along Crow Lane, taking additional care when navigating the blind bend. **Please do not turn around** and head back past the school, as this adds unnecessary congestion and creates bottlenecks. Whilst we do appreciate this can add additional time to your journey, the full village loop will take just over 2 minutes. An example of this flow can be shown below.



Parking

In order to keep your children safe on their journeys to school, we ask that you park **alongside the village paths** wherever possible. This includes the south side of Jackson's Lane, and alongside Hobbs Hayes on Blacksmith's Lane. If you travel past the school to park, please use the southern side of Jackson's Lane, taking particular care to **not block, obstruct or turn around on residents**

driveways. Please take note of the additional danger of vehicles that may be accessing these residences. There are no pathways at this point, so it is crucial to ensure your children are supervised when crossing these points.

It is also illegal to park at the junction of any road as it blocks sight lines and creates further danger. With this in mind, please do not park at the junction of Jackson's Lane and impair the visibility of those attempting to cross between the paths.

Additionally, please **do not double park** behind the staff car park spaces. This will force children into the road to navigate around your car, creating an increased danger to them. We also ask that you do not park in the allocated staff spaces - these are reserved.

Please do not park on the banks and grass verges. Reed village is an official conservation area, and banks and grass verges are included as part of that status.

An example of parking placements can be found here:



Disabled spaces

The school currently does not have an official disabled space. Until this is rectified, we will be creating a temporary area using **the first space alongside the path closest to the school**. Please respect the needs of those within our school who require this level of accessibility by not parking here unless this applies to you.

Speeding

The village is currently a 30 mph zone, and has applied to have this reduced to 20mph. Part of its character is that there are very few paths, and the residents are forced to walk along the road itself. Please honour the speed limit in the village at all times, being mindful of those pedestrians, in order to keep everyone safe.

High volume events

There will be occasions when school events create a high volume of traffic in and around the village.

We'd ask that you factor this into both your timings and your parking decisions accordingly. If you can park further away, such as along by the village hall for example, this approach would be much appreciated. Please ensure that you follow specific arrival timings in order that we might minimise congestion wherever possible.

On these days we will ensure that the village community has awareness of the events, to try and help mitigate any unnecessary tensions caused as a result of these volumes.

Idle engines and the Environment

As a school, we are proud of the focus we adopt towards our environment and ask that as part of reducing our carbon footprint, you turn your engines off while waiting to collect your children.

Escalation

All concerns about driving and parking should be reported by submitting an online witness report to the Highways Incidents teams - it is not the responsibility of the school to enforce the law, and escalations should be made via the correct channels, not to the school office. All discussions relating to any of the topics above should be conducted in a polite and respectful manner. Abuse of any kind is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated. All instances will be reported to the police.