

St Mary's Church of England School

Parents' Parking Promise



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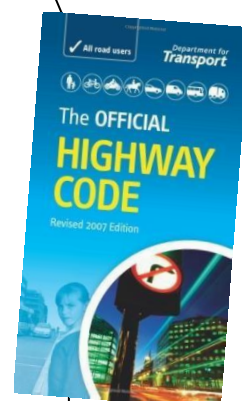
PARENTS' PARKING PROMISE

Extracts from the Highway Code:

243. DO NOT stop or park

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

244. MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement (or grass verges). Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.



We will walk to school whenever possible; ideally every day.

We will try not to park on Keen Close between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm

We are sympathetic to our neighbourhood residents and park considerately.

We continue to obey and uphold the rules of the Highway Code.

Parking too near to school entrances puts children in danger

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and at the end of the school day. Parents who park close to the entrances and close to the roundabout act irresponsibly, potentially placing children in danger. The 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zags should maintain an area free from parked cars. This allows children and parents walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

Using the car less would help reduce the congestion and danger

Many children are driven to school when they could easily walk part or all of the way. Walking has various benefits: it

- Helps keep children fit and healthy;
- Develops traffic awareness skills;
- Keeps the environment cleaner;
- Reduces traffic outside school at starting and finishing times.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians

Parking partially or wholly on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. By avoiding parking on pavements (or grass verges) we can provide children and parents with safe access when walking to and from school.

Sign the Parents' Parking Promise and make your school a safer place

Please help us by acknowledging that you have read and agreed the promise. By this you are undertaking to keep parked cars away from the areas outside of our school therefore protecting the lives of all the children who attend our school.

Thank you for signing our Parents' Parking Promise

I will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.

I will try not to park in close proximity to either school between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm.

I will be considerate of our neighbouring residents and park considerately, including avoiding parking on pavements, grass verges or close to the roundabout.

I will continue to obey and uphold the rules of the Highway Code.

Child's name:

Child's Class:

Adult name:

Signed:

