

Knights Templar Community Church School & Nursery

"Be the best you can be with a zest for living, a thirst for learning and a spirit of kindness."

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Dear Parents,

Parking Concerns- Please help us!

We really need your help to address the parking issues that we are experiencing. The last three weeks have been particularly challenging due to the change in weather and we have had a large number of parents raising concerns about safety for both adults and children.

As a school, we share these concerns and are doing all we can; we have sent Weduc messages, issued reminders in the newsletter and have asked the PCSO for support. I am on the drive every morning; however, this should be to welcome children and families to school but is not happening as I am currently needed as a parking attendant. I have also tried to be on the gate at the end of the day, as again, a number of parents have raised concerns about the safety of the pickups.

There are a number of issues occurring on both the drive and on Liddymore Road. The school driveway begins from the point you turn left from the now extended Liddymore Road. The driveway is a school-owned private road and we are currently awaiting the road markings being replaced following the disruption caused by the initial works of the Summerfield building site.

Road markings being remarked on the drive include:

- Double yellow lines on the left as you come up the drive*
- Four parking bays on the right-hand side of the drive before the staff car park, please note the final space cannot be used as it overhangs the staff car park and causes an obstacle as staff are arriving at 8:45*
- Hatched yellow lines immediately outside the blue electric gates which is the turning space*

Over the last week, myself and other staff have had to ask a large number of drivers to remove their vehicles from the turning space as this needs to be kept free for cars coming up the drive to turn safely. We have ordered a new sign to help remind all site users this is not a parking area.

Unfortunately, a number of vehicles are also tail-gating through the blue gates causing further safety issues on the school roundabout. Frustratingly, the timing on the school gates is not very swift and whilst we understand that it is highly tempting to follow others into the site, we are pleading for parents to adhere to the restrictions which means that only parents with an agreed permit enter through the gates. If you are a Blue Badge Holder you will be issued a permit today.

The main road that runs along the end of the school drive way, the extension to Liddymore Road, is waiting adoption by the Council. However, this has not yet happened and as such there are no road markings on this section of the road. There are a number of spaces opposite the Summerfield Show Homes which can be used by parents, however concerns are being raised about vehicles being blocked in or cars being parked on the opposite side of the road meaning cars cannot leave.

We have also been informed by the builders that they are regularly having to ask parents to move and are experiencing high levels of abuse from parents. They are working hard to keep everyone safe whilst the build continues.

The school has no jurisdiction on this section of road, and therefore we are in desperate need of your help to ensure that parking is done in a safe manner and I would urge you to raise concerns directly with the Council if it relates to this area of the road.

Spaces on the school site are limited and we know that often there is a need to drop and head off to work, but please do respect the restrictions we have in place and avoid being verbally aggressive towards staff who are trying to keep the children safe by asking you to move; it's not a positive start for anyone.

Whilst this continues to be an ongoing issue, I would really like to ask for any parents who are able to offer support in monitoring the drive to speak to the school office.

Kind regards,



Laura Weaver

Acting Head and SENCo

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