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Dear Parents and Carers

Parking Issues

I am unfortunately having to write to you about the dangerous and at times, inconsiderate parking around the school. A small minority of parents are parking without thought for our residents or other members of the public.

We are receiving an increasing number of complaints from parents and residents who are describing the lack of thought by some commuters as unsafe for the public, including residents and children walking to school.

The Highway Code Rule 243 states that drivers are NOT permitted to stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property

The Governing Body is fully aware that there is insufficient parking available for all the parents who now drive their children to school. Sadly, we have very little control of this matter; however, we do encourage children and parents to walk to school rather than drive where possible.

The Walking Bus option has also been explored on numerous occasions in the past, with very little support from parents.

Parking can pose a safety risk to all: children, parents, as well as other road users. We have informed anyone reporting such matters, to inform the police, with any photographic evidence they pertain. Where school can identify any motorist, this information is also shared with the police.

Please can we ask all our parents to be considerate, thoughtful and adhere to the Highway Code, in order to make school parking safer for everyone.

Kind regards

Claire Whiting Headteacher

> "What we instill in our children will be the foundations upon which they build their future" - A Valued Me Redhill embodies this through our core values of respect, friendship, responsibility, empathy, honesty & independence.

















