

Brockholes School – Parking Statement

At Brockholes School we are proud to be part of the Brockholes Community. Although parking on and around Brockholes Lane is not the school's responsibility, we have always considered it important that we do everything we can to encourage sensible and safe parking. We are concerned about safety and have communicated repeatedly and regularly with parents on this issue. We also cooperate closely with the community policing team who are responsible for dealing with illegal and unsafe parking.

Our key requests to parents and carers

- **Please don't drive to school if at all possible.** Most of our parents can and do walk to school. We know that some people have no choice but to drive (eg they live too far away or are dropping off children on the way to work, etc). All we ask is that if you do have a choice, you do the right thing for the community.
- **If you do have to drive, please park further away from school** and walk the last part of the way. This is something almost everyone can do. The area immediately outside the school and up the hill on Brockholes Lane where the road is narrow is the main problem area. Just a few minutes walk makes all the difference.

What we have done and will continue to do

- **Parents are regularly reminded** to walk if possible and to park further from school if this is not possible. We will continue to remind parents of this, especially parents of children who are about to join the school for the first time. We acknowledge there will always be one or two people who really do need to park near to the school, but the vast majority can walk a little further.
- **Work with the community policing team** to ensure they are aware of any issues and changes in the parking situation that we are aware of. The community policing team come to the school entrance regularly at pick up and drop off times and are ready and able to issue on-the-spot fines for illegal parking. We also passed on a letter to parents from the police last year, highlighting parking law.
- **Pass on to the police any information** about cars that have been parked illegally (eg photos from local residents of illegal parking)
- **Educate children about their role in society** and encourage good habits on many issues including parking, litter and dog fouling. Not only should

the children turn out as better neighbours themselves, but they can have a key role in influencing adults to do the right thing.

New initiatives

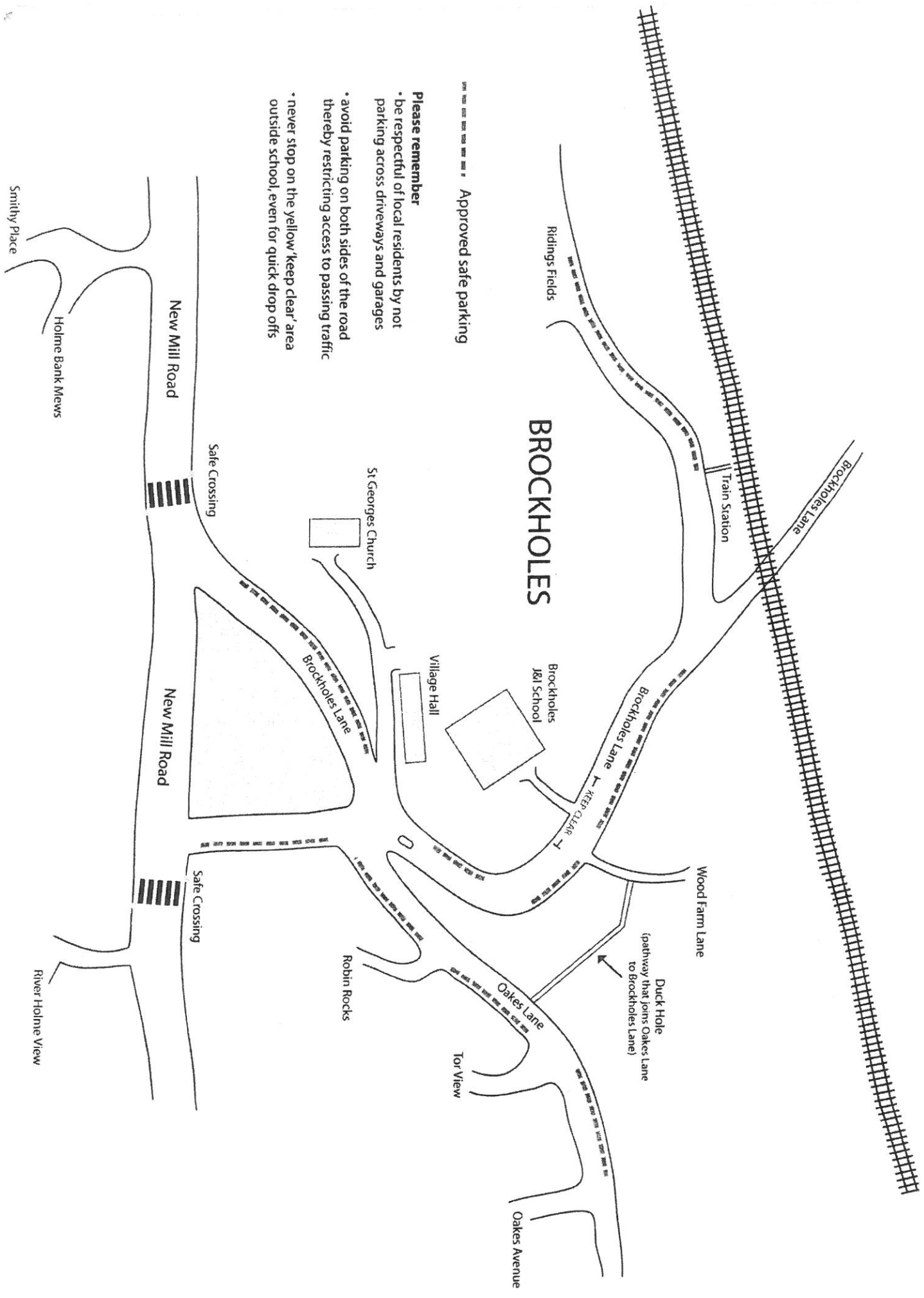
- **Extended school car park.** Over the summer of 2013, we used part of our tight school budget to increase the size of the car park on school grounds. The aim of this was to create more parking space within school, to relieve pressure on surrounding roads from staff who need to drive to work, and allow better access for delivery drivers. The hope is that this will contribute to fewer cars and vans on Brockholes Lane, especially during the peak traffic times.
- **Parking maps.** A local resident and parent is kindly drawing up a map of local Brockholes streets, highlighting areas we ask parents to please avoid when dropping off and picking up children. It also suggests possible other parking locations which drivers may not have considered, but which are really very close and offer much safer parking. All parents will be given a copy of the map when available and it will become a standard part of the 'new starter' pack for children joining the school for the first time. We will also be sending a copy of this map to local taxi firms, asking them if they could please try to follow the guidance when dropping off or picking up parents and children during peak times.

And finally

We are sure that problems are down to just a handful of individuals. Most parents, as with most of the community, do the right thing. We will do our best to educate, inform and influence positively. However if you witness dangerous or illegal parking, it is a police matter, not a school one. We encourage, they enforce.

Please pass on details and photos to the police: Neighbourhood Police Team
01484 436855 (ask for a Brockholes Officer) or email
ea.valleysnpt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Thank you



Approved safe parking

Please remember

- be respectful of local residents by not parking across driveways and garages
- avoid parking on both sides of the road thereby restricting access to passing traffic
- never stop on the yellow 'keep clear' area outside school, even for quick drop offs

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