

LANDYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parking Policy

February 2018

Introduction

Car parking at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem at most primary schools. Children and parents arrive and depart in a relatively short period of time and this causes congestion. At Landywood the movement of cars inside the school gates between 8.15am and 9.00am and between 3.00 and 3.45pm is restricted. This will help improve safety within the site. Parking within the site's car parks outside of these times is restricted to the following:-

- Authorised staff of Landywood, Holly Lane Nursery and The Children's Centre
- Authorised visitors
- A parent dropping off or collecting a child from Holly Lane Nursery who is aged less than 2
- Governors and Committee Members

The parking of vehicles on Landywood's site shall be permitted as detailed above, on the condition that persons bringing vehicles on to the premises do so at their own risk and no establishment on the site will be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Neighbourhood

Car parking is restricted outside the school. The school is fully aware of parking challenges parents face daily due to the limited spaces available, however, in the interests of maintaining good relationships with local residents, no driveways or parking bays should be obstructed. Drivers parking cars near the school should at all times have consideration for the safety of pedestrians, other road users and the immediate community. In particular, care when children are crossing the road should be observed at all times. At no times is the school car park to be used by parents either dropping off or picking up children from school, Holly Lane Nursery or the Children's Centre, within the restricted morning and afternoon times detailed above.

Our Community

This parking policy has been written with the knowledge that the majority of our parents support us in managing the parking in our school. Parking needs to be carefully managed to ensure the safety of everyone.

Disabled Parking Space

There is one disabled parking space in the school car park. This may be used by staff / visitors between the hours of 9.00am and 2:50pm only (unless prior arrangements have been made). Visiting disabled drivers who hold a Blue Badge, should notify the school when their appointment is confirmed and a space will be reserved for the duration of their visit. Regular Blue Badge holders who use the car park should speak to a member of the school office where a regular parking arrangement will be made. A copy of the badge will be taken, the badge must be on display accessing the school site and usage monitored. Blue Badge Holders will be unable to gain access to the site between 8.20am and 9.00am and between 3.00 and 3.45pm.

Actions taken to enforce this policy

The school has a duty of care to all pupils, staff and parents coming on to its premises. In order to maintain safety and avoid potential risk to pupils and parents, staff monitor the school gates, school car park and neighbouring streets, particularly the Site Supervisor. If unauthorised parking is observed but it does not represent an immediate hazard, then the owner will be spoken to by a member of the school staff and asked to move their vehicle. The vehicle's number plate will be logged through our CCTV system. Persistent unauthorised parking, as indicated by the registration log, will be dealt with by a member of the senior leadership team with reference to the community police. In the case of unauthorised / obstructive parking that poses a risk to the health and safety and / or reasonable operation of the school, the school reserves the right to inform other government agencies, including the police, to deal with the obstruction. Our staff have the right to work in a safe and respectful environment. Abuse towards staff operating within the remit of this policy will not be tolerated. Perpetrators may be called to speak with the Head Teacher, or in cases of a more serious nature, may be reported to the police.

Healthy Schools Focus

The school promotes, as part of our healthy school focus, walking, cycling and using a scooter to travel to and from school. From May 2018, Landywood will have a designated, covered area to enable children to securely leave their bicycles and scooters during the school day.

Landywood operates a reward system to promote children walking to school, cycling or using a scooter to get to school. We believe this system will help reduce the number of families choosing to drive a car to Landywood each day.

(Chair of Governors)

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