



# Short Heath Junior School

## Short Heath Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers and car drivers,

The increasing number of cars outside school at the beginning and end of the day is a common issue for the majority of schools in the country. We encourage families to walk to school wherever possible and politely request that parents and visitors to our school park in surrounding roads with thought and consideration for the children, other adults and the local community.

*We have also been made aware of a number of near misses in the staff car park at Short Heath Junior School. This has involved cars at speed racing through the gate, minor accidents with door prangs and cars reversing without due care and attention - almost in to staff and children!*

**This car park is allocated to the staff and official visitors only** and must not be used - this includes parents of Fun Club who have previously had permission to park in the car park.

With only 2 allocated disabled spaces, and the increased amount of staff using the car park, it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage parking safely; often cars are unable to turn and the school minibus is unable to leave. We would like to make it clear that these bays are solely for the use of Blue Badge holders but also that having a blue badge does not entitle people to park in the car park and in the disabled bays.

Parking is available in the car park at the far end of the field via Rhys Thomas Close; if this is full, you will need to find safe and alternative parking nearby.

Please think before you park - walk to school if you can.

- Parking or waiting near schools in front of dropped kerbs and driveways, or parking on the pavement all cause problems for local residents, pedestrians and cyclists;
- Parking in front of dropped kerbs blocks cycle paths and the crossing points for people with pushchairs and mobility issues;
- Stopping in front of someone's driveway encourages others to do the same. Residents need to leave their driveways to get to and from work;
- Parking on the pavement reduces space for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs or mobility issues, and can force them into the road;
- Parking on corners on double yellow lines can block access for emergency vehicles, such as fire engines.

Not parking safely could result in your vehicle being reported to Walsall's Parking Enforcement Team or even the Police.

**The safety of our children is our priority.**

I know that the vast majority of you always park appropriately and with consideration for others and probably find the regular communication about this bewildering and frustrating. If you witness any actions outside school that concern you, please can we ask that you report it to the police using the 101 number or Walsall parking services on 01922 652433.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Miss Sarah Harris  
Head of School