

St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

There are a couple of concerns I would like to raise relating to school 'drop-off' - hopefully before either become more significant issues.

As I hope you would be aware, we have a great relationship with our immediate neighbours and residents living near to school. They are very understanding of parking pressures and those busy periods of the day at school 'drop-off' and home-time.

One of my worries with introducing 'School Streets' (the timed 'no go' zone on Willowcroft) was adding to a problem, so to speak, elsewhere. That said, given recent observations, it has created a much safer environment and if anything, we now have fewer families (and thereby cars) within the last couple of years.

The immediate concerns at the minute are when cars are left parked:

- **on the pavement**, blocking the walk-way for those on foot and impacting on them maintaining sight of oncoming traffic;
- **across driveways** ... we have received a number of reports, with residents unable to leave, simply to get to work.

I do fully appreciate that particularly on mornings, driving to/ from school can be stressful - with a view to then getting to work on time. However, we simply do not have the staffing to warden the area and so we continue to rely on good driver judgement... getting as close as possible to drop-off, depending on when you arrive, is often not considerate or, at worst, not safe.

The second concern relates more to ensuring there is supervision in place for your child/ren whilst waiting for the start of the day. This relates more to our younger Key Stage 2 pupils.

Whilst we always aim for members of the senior leadership and Premises teams to be out and around, we are a big site and we are not in a position to closely monitor and supervise activity over the course of the morning, once gates are opened.

With growing independence in mind, we understand that our older pupils may be walking in with friends and/ or left at the gates. However, there are now a growing number of children in Year 3 and 4 being left to manage themselves without an adult present.

This can be hard to determine, as some of you, I'm sure, will share that parental over-sight with friends - for the most part, the behaviour of our pupils in school is also great. However, depending on when they are dropped off, we are mindful there can be a reasonable waiting period.



A gentle reminder of some **on-site rules** - please can we ask that children do not:

- climb on the railings along the ramped walkway;
- play ball games on-site
- use the new clamber stack
- ride their bike or scooter on the school grounds... **walk with wheels** please!

Many thanks for your continued support, Mr Clark

