



Mayfield Preparatory School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the start of a new year but the old issue of parking has reared its head again and I feel that I have to write out to you about parking with consideration at school opening and closing times.

Please park where there are no restrictions, no road markings and where you do not inconvenience other road users, pedestrians or residents. We have had a number of complaints in January from neighbours on the Crescent about cars parked across their driveways and blocking them in, sometimes preventing them from going to critical hospital appointments – please do not park across driveways. Remember there are strict parking laws and penalties in operation in the vicinity of the school: parking is prohibited on the zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing; on double yellow lines at any time; and on a single yellow line during the times shown on the nearest sign. All of these offences will result in a fine and possibly points on the Driver's Licence. It is permitted to drop off or pick up passengers on a single yellow line, but this means the driver drops off/picks up the passenger and drives off straightaway. Parking on the pavement is not advised. If a driver should endanger a pedestrian by parking on the pavement, this could lead to a court case for dangerous driving. If convicted, the penalty could be points on or losing Driver's Licence, a fine, or even jail sentence.

I understand that parking at school opening and closing times can be difficult and frustrating. Mayfield tries hard to help resolve these issues by offering a Before School Club, which starts at 7.45am – there are still spaces available Monday – Friday, so please contact the school office if you would like to book your child in. We also have members of staff on duty in the courtyard and the main playground from 8.20am, allowing you to leave your child with us from 8.20am until the school opens at 8.30am, thus enabling you to drop your child off and get back to your car quickly. There is also parking available with no restrictions at the Broadway Church, the Broadway Toby Carvery, County Hotel and laybys further down the Sutton Road by Queen Mary's Grammar School only a few minutes walk from Mayfield.

There have also been incidents reported recently where cars have not stopped for pedestrians at the zebra crossing outside the school and last Friday there was a near miss involving one of our children and parents with a car also driven by one of Mayfield's parents. I must ask you all to be vigilant and ensure you stop at the zebra crossing for pedestrians. I am certain you all agree with me that the safety of our children and parents, as well as other pedestrians, must be a priority.

The school works closely with Walsall Council and the local community. It is very important that everyone associated with Mayfield contributes to maintaining the school's excellent reputation and the strong relationships we have built up with our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster