

# Cheapside CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers/Staff,

Following an incident this morning regarding parking and congestion, of which some of you may be aware, we have liaised with the local authority Health and Safety Adviser and have reviewed our Vehicle Movement Risk Assessment.

**With effect from tomorrow, no vehicles will be allowed on site or to leave the school premises between 8.20am and 9.10am. Likewise, no vehicles will be allowed on site or leave the school premises between 2.55pm and 3.40pm.**

## **Parking responsibly and considerate road use**

As with many primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' carpark, so we rely on parents, carers and staff to park considerately ensuring that you are not obstructing drives, dropped curbs, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited. If at all possible, avoid parking on and driving into Dorian Drive and allow 'passing places' on Watersplash Lane when parking, even if this means you need to park a little further away. We would also ask that you don't stop in the middle of the road or at the top of the school drive to drop children. We would encourage you instead to park up and then walk them into school or to the top of the drive if they are in upper Key Stage 2.

There have also been incidents of adults and children not crossing the road with due care and attention, putting themselves, other pedestrians and drivers of cars near the school in danger.

We speak regularly to the children about road safety and in fact have external agencies coming in over the next couple of weeks to speak to the children in years 3, 4 and 6 specifically about road safety.

We would therefore ask you to please consider the following each day:

## **Walking wherever possible**

Not only is this an easy way to get some exercise, but it also supports the local community with congestion. We do understand that many of you have to drive but if that is the case, please consider parking a little further away from the school and walking a part of the way, again to ease congestion.

## **Cycling or scooting**

We have plenty of space to lock a bicycle or scooter within the main gates – just outside the office. If you choose to ride or scoot, we ask that you walk with your bike or scooter whilst on the school premises.

**Car sharing**

Does anybody else who comes to school each day live near you? Could you take it in turns to drive and collect the children each day?

We understand all staff and parent concerns about road safety around our school site and ask you all to be mindful.

We all want the children to be safe and hope that we can rely on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Senior Leadership Team**