



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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Special notice – Parent Conduct and Parking

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we have always had issues with parking at the beginning and end of the school day, the situation has become increasingly unacceptable. This has culminated in parents arguing with each other and using unacceptable language in front of all the children who are in our care. We have tried to be accommodating to those of you who hold blue badges for disabilities, but we are now going to have to enforce a no parking zone in front of the school entrance. The only vehicle which has permission from the school to park at the entrance is the Hertfordshire County Council funded taxi.

The gates need to be kept clear:

- For the safety of the children entering the school premises
- For staff to be able to access their place of work
- To give access for emergency vehicles (an ambulance struggled to gain access to our site earlier this week due to inconsiderate parking on the left hand side of the entrance to the driveway).

We are aware that many of those we see outside looking for parking spaces live well within walking distance. It would be so good for the children's start to their day to have a short walk to school in the morning. This would alleviate not only your stress but the considerable stress and burden put upon the school staff when we have to deal with the fall-out from the increasing number of incidents outside. Our job as a school, is to ensure the health, safety, happiness and education of your children.

These incidents make us more reluctant to push Hertfordshire County Council to allow us to open the drive-through as we are not prepared to police parking disputes on our premises.

Whilst we are aware that it is a small minority of parents involved in this lack of community spirit, this behaviour is affecting the whole school and neighbouring residents.

Thank you to those of you who continue to walk your children to school, or find a parking space in the neighbouring roads. Remember, there is an alleyway between Mill Way and Mead Way which can be used for access to the school.

Attached to this letter is the governor agreed Code of Conduct Policy as a reminder of our rights to ask you to behave in a socially acceptable way when on our premises.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cathy Cox
Head Teacher

