

Road Safety and Parking at St George's Catholic School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you about the safety measures that we, as a school, have in place to ensure the safety of our pupils and school community during times when cars are allowed on the premises.

There are strict rules in place to allow parents and carers to use our playground as a temporary car park at the beginning and end of the school day. To make use of this facility, parents must agree to adhere to these rules.

We ask that all drivers are mindful of speed and are extra vigilant and aware of pedestrians. We need to keep our families that walk and cycle to school safe.

It is really important that **everyone** follows the one-way system and there are no exceptions to this. When parents and carers choose to ignore the one-way system, it leads to congestion and increases the risk of an accident.

We require that you show understanding and respect to staff members who patrol the car park. It is their duty of care to enforce the rules of the one-way system. We would remind you that you are invited onto the premises with the permission of the Headteacher and the School Governors and verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

Please be mindful of the residents at Nunsfield Court. Nunsfield Court is housing for retired people. There has been frustration from some residents who have spoken about parents and carers driving onto the premises to turn their cars around. There are signs prohibiting this but these signs are sometimes ignored.

Please do not block garages or entrances on the Mount, or park on corners or yellow lines. Traffic wardens regularly patrol the area and will issue fines.



The One-Way System

(See overleaf for more detailed information)

Please do not leave cars or wait on corners, yellow lines or the zig zags.



We have double yellow lines outside the main gates to the school. This must be left clear during drop off and pick-up to prevent congestion.

Here are our key rules for car users at drop-off and collection times:

- 1) Use the one-way system. Do not turn around in the church or Nunsfield Court.**
- 2) Wait in your car until you are safely parked on the playground. The staff will stay with your child/children.**
- 3) Reverse Park only. This is part of our risk assessment and allows us to keep the playground open as a car park twice a day.**
- 4) Consider other parents in the queue. Do not delay in returning to your car as spaces are needed.**
- 5) Drive sensibly and slowly. Be VIGILANT as there are pedestrians on the premises.**
- 6) Be respectful and considerate to staff, other drivers and pedestrians.**

We appreciate your support and understanding with this. To continue to allow parking on our school grounds, safety of our pupils and wider school community must always come first.

The Headteacher and Governors of St George's Catholic School