

# ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support and comments these past days and months – it is very much appreciated.

The car park this morning ran smoothly! We appreciate your support and understanding with this. A lot of thought went into our car park situation but we were aware that there may need to be some changes. St George's has a unique system as the school is positioned in the middle of Taunton with little space to park safely to be able to drop the children off to school.

We are going to ask from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September that children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) who have siblings in KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) are to be collected at the earlier time of 3:05. We hope that this is a more even split in the car park at the end of the school day.

It does cause me great concern that there will be times where I will not be able to be on the playground in the morning or afternoon due to other commitments. I do expect that the car park will cause occasional problems but if everyone follows the rules (like you are doing) it will continue to run smoothly.

I am equally concerned about the safety of our children and parents. I am happy for parents to walk their children to the gate when signalled but this must be done promptly as there will be other cars waiting to enter the playground.

We do expect parents and carers to reverse into a space and also to park as close to other cars so that we can fit more on the playground.

At the end of the school, I would like parents to stand visible by their cars so that we can return the children safely to you. It would be really helpful if you had the first name of your child and their class on a sheet of A4 paper and held it up to help the staff speed up this process. I do expect parents and carers to be patient and cautious when driving slowly off the premises as it is a busy car park and we want to ensure that everyone is safe. Please drive slowly and check all mirrors as you leave.

Finally, it disappoints me greatly that I am not able to stop and chat with you all as much I would like to at this time! I would love to split myself in five! I am incredibly lucky to have a brilliant caretaker outside as well. If Mr Davies has to ask parents to move their cars, I would expect this to be done straight away.

Here is a reminder of the change:

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