



An Ashmole Trust School

Head Teacher: **Mr Chris Tofallis**

2nd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Parking Outside Our School

It has come to our attention again that some of our parents and carers are not being courteous when parking outside our school and are parking in driveways both before and after school. This is completely unacceptable. By blocking people's drives and garages it prevents the homeowners from leaving their home or to arrive back home and it is inconsiderate. We have had some recent incidents where the culprits have also been rude to our neighbours which is also completely unacceptable, and some cars have been involved in clipping resident parked vehicles. Nobody should be blocking a driveway or garage for any length of time. These complaints from our neighbours are very disappointing as we want to work with our neighbours in harmony and we would like everyone to enjoy being part of our school community. Our school office does not need to deal with adult issues concerning how our parents and carers park outside our school and resolve conflicts outside of our school boundary. This is wasting valuable school time while we are trying our utmost to support all our children in our school.

As responsible adults everyone needs to understand that parking in front of a drive or garage and blocking it is **NOT OK**. It is also not acceptable to get into a conflict or to become aggressive over parking with our neighbours or each other. Ultimately we are here for your children so please respect our community and support our school to ensure that we are all kind to our neighbours.

The vast majority of our families live near our school and we always advocate walking, scootering or cycling to school to avoid congestion and if you have to drive, please park further away from the school and walk. This was something we reminded all our parents about when your children joined our school. Can I also thank the vast majority of our 422 families that actually are very respectful to our neighbours and adhere to our school guidance on school travel.

We want all our families to show good manners and decency to all our neighbours with no issues whatsoever.

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On a separate note, Mr Di Francia and Mrs Sidarenou, our Caretakers, patrol the vehicle gate area every day. Please listen to them carefully when crossing the vehicle gate area and always check carefully for moving cars. Please also ensure that the young children do not run ahead of the adults. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Tofallis
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