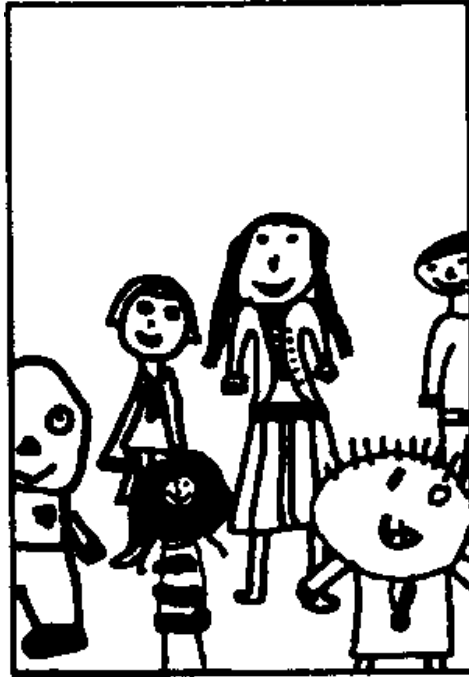


BLACKROD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Car Parking Policy

Approved / Adopted Hr,Finance, Premises Health & Safety Committee

Last reviewed on: April 2023

Next review due by: Summer 2024

Statement of intent

Blackrod Primary School is located on a busy main road with inherent dangers to children as a result of car parking issues particularly at the start and end of the School day. The aim of this policy is to reduce traffic congestion around the School area minimising disturbance of our Local Community and ensuring the safety of Parents, Staff and Children.

We aim to eliminate instances of:

- Cars entering the school site at peak times when pupils are arriving/leaving.
- Cars stopping or parking on any restricted areas outside the school.
- Cars stopping or parking on pavements.
- Drivers behaving irresponsibly and causing unnecessary obstructions.

Staff, parents and children are asked to adhere to this policy to ensure a safe environment for all.

Copies of this policy will be made available to all parents, staff and visitors via the school website.

1. Safety controls

1.1. The following safety controls are in place:

- A 5 mph speed limit applies throughout the school site.
- All cars must be parked in allocated spaces.
- Pedestrians, including children, are not permitted to access via the car park.
- Visitors requiring access to the car park must comply with school rules.
- Cars must never be parked in front of the school gates.

2. Staff parking

- 2.1. The school has a number of parking spaces, including accessible bays for staff with disabilities.
- 2.2. Spaces are not allocated to individual staff, however, staff with disabilities requiring reduced walking distances should use the allocated accessible.
- 2.3. Staff members may park on the roads adjoining the school, provided that parking notices are adhered to, however, staff are encouraged to use school parking facilities.
- 2.4. If staff members can walk or cycle to school, they are encouraged to do so.
- 2.5. Emergency access points must remain clear at all times.

3. Parent/carer parking

- 3.1. The school has **no** parking spaces available to parents/carers unless permission is granted by the Headteacher on an individual basis for specific reasons.
- 3.2. Parents/carers **may temporarily** park on the roads adjoining the school, provided that parking notices are adhered to.
- 3.3. The car park gates are closed and monitored by a staff member at the start and end of school to ensure pedestrians do not access via the car park and the car park is not used by parents/carers.
- 3.4. Parents/carers should:
 - Maintain an efficient, courteous and safe manner.
 - Respect our neighbours.
 - Leave plenty of time for their planned journey.

- Try to utilise the traffic strategies the school has made available.
- Leave the car at home where possible and walk instead.

3.5. Parents/carers should not:

- Rush to arrive just before or at school opening times.
- Be put off from walking to school due to cold or wet weather.
- Drive up to the school gate.
- Stop on any restricted areas outside the school.
- Park or drive on pavements.
- Block driveways or 'double park'.

4. Injuries due to traffic

4.1 If a person is injured by a member of staff or visitor driving in the school car park, the driver will be held responsible in the standard way if, by lack of reasonable care, injuries were caused to another person.

4.2 The school does not accept any responsibility for injuries caused by staff or visitors in the school car park, regardless of the fact that the incident occurred on school grounds.

5. Damage to vehicles

5.1 Damage occurring to staff members' or visitors' vehicles while on school property will not be considered the responsibility of the school, unless the damage occurs due to a lack of adequate supervision of pupils, in which case, the school will accept responsibility.

6. Monitoring and review

6.1 The policy will be reviewed every two years.

6.2 Any incidents occurring during the school year will be evaluated and appropriate action will be taken to amend the policy accordingly.