



MAYFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is the start of a new year but the old issue of parking has reared its head again and I feel that I have to write out to you about parking with consideration at school opening and closing times. I have received reports from a local resident in the Crescent and a parent that people are parking across driveways and in front of garages. Today it was a large black saloon, ML14 TXU. I will continue to 'name and shame' if I receive further reports.

Please park where there are no restrictions, no road markings and where you do not inconvenience other road users, pedestrians or residents. Traffic wardens will patrol the streets at school opening and closing times and will be issuing tickets. Remember there are strict parking laws and penalties in operation in the vicinity of the school: parking is prohibited on the zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing; on double yellow lines at any time; and on a single yellow line during the times shown on the nearest sign. All of these offences will result in a fine and possibly points on the Driver's Licence. It is permitted to drop off or pick up passengers on a single yellow line, but this means the driver drops off/picks up the passenger and drives off straightaway. Parking on the pavement is not advised. If a driver should endanger a pedestrian by parking on the pavement, this could lead to a court case for dangerous driving. If convicted, the penalty could be points on licence, fine, losing licence or even jail sentence. May I also remind you that for the safety of the children, parents/guardians are not permitted to park in the staff car park, or to use the main driveway, before 5.15pm, unless given permission by the Headmaster or Deputy Head.

I understand that parking at school opening and closing times can be difficult and frustrating. Mayfield tries hard to help resolve these issues by offering a Before School Club, which starts at 7.45am – there are still spaces available Monday – Friday, so please contact the school office if you would like to book your child in. We also have 3 members of staff on duty in the courtyard from 8.30am, allowing you to leave your child with us from 8.30am until the school opens at 8.35am, thus enabling you to drop your child off and get back to your car quickly. There is also parking available with no restrictions at the Broadway Church, the Broadway Toby Carvery, County Hotel and laybys further down the Sutton Road by Queen Mary's Grammar School only a few minutes walk from Mayfield. In the Spring, our two Walking Buses, run by parents, who have been trained and CRB checked, will recommence at 8.20am every Friday from the Broadway Toby Carvery and the County Hotel.

The school works closely with Walsall Council and the local community. It is very important that everyone associated with Mayfield contributes to maintaining the school's excellent reputation and the strong relationships we have built up with our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster