St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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RE: Parking & Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St John Fisher, we want every member of our school community to feel safe, respected and valued. I am writing to remind everyone of the importance of parking safely, legally and considerately when bringing children to and collecting them from school.

We recognise that parking around the school can be challenging, particularly as there is limited on-street parking available on Kale Road. However, this must not result in vehicles being blocked in, driveways or pavements being obstructed, or other road users being put at risk. Please ensure that you follow all parking restrictions and consider the impact of where you choose to park on our neighbours and fellow road users.

An alternative parking option

There is a car park at the end of Kale Road, on St John Fisher Road, which parents and carers are encouraged to use before walking their children to school.

We ask families to consider using this facility rather than relying on the limited on-street parking available on Kale Road.

Living our LIGHT values beyond the school gates

Our LIGHT values of Love, Integrity, Growth, Hope and Togetherness underpin everything we do at St John Fisher. These values should be reflected not only in school but also in the way we treat one another as parents, carers and members of our wider community.

In the Bible, Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:12:

"Do to others what you would have them do to you."

This simple message reminds us to think about how our actions affect others. We all have responsibilities, commitments and places to be, and showing patience, kindness and consideration can make a real difference. If a parking issue arises, please remain calm, speak respectfully and avoid confrontations. We should be modelling the behaviour and values we want our children to demonstrate.

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Working together to keep our community safe

During morning arrival and afternoon collection, our staff are focused on welcoming children, supporting families and ensuring that children enter and leave the school site safely. Traffic enforcement officers are often present on their motorcycles. However, the enforcement of parking restrictions and traffic regulations on public roads is the responsibility of the relevant authorities. The school cannot patrol the surrounding streets or directly enforce parking regulations.

We therefore ask all parents and carers to take personal responsibility for parking safely and considerately. Please do not block other vehicles, obstruct access to properties or create hazards for pedestrians and other road users.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. By working together and living our LIGHT values, we can help make the journey to and from St John Fisher safer, calmer and more respectful for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

K. Garrett

Mrs K Garrett
Headteacher