

Parking and vehicle access at West Chilton Community School and Montessori Pre-School

From FOSA - Parent and Carer representatives

Everyone who lives in the surrounding area of West Chilton Community School is affected by our traffic. Children of primary age have limited pedestrian experience and do not always act as drivers expect them to. The Child Accident Prevention Trust figures, state that pedestrian injury was the leading cause of death of children in Great Britain in 2010.

Parent/carers, volunteers and school staff need to work together to ensure road safety and improve any congestion or obstruction of vehicles at school drop off and pick up.

We place utmost importance on traffic safety inside and outside our school grounds. Parking policy is not just about allocating and managing on street and off street parking. It is also about enabling the safe and efficient movement of traffic and providing an attractive street environment for everyone. Parents/Carers add to the village traffic at peak hours, and a few of us ourselves may be the biggest culprits in inconsiderate driving and parking. For the most part, this is not caused by deliberate carelessness but by lateness. Please allow plenty of time for parking at pick up. Teachers wait with your child at 3pm or after school clubs for your collection. But better be a minute late, than an accident statistic.

Due to the volume of traffic that passes the school between the hours of 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, we ask you to commit to our policy of making it work. As there are limited parking spaces outside the school and along East Street, there are parking restrictions to improve the safe and efficient movement of traffic at these busy times and ensure residents' rights.

We each have a part to play in the safe transport of our children to and from school.

School and our staff commitment and responsibilities:

- Safeguarding our attending children at all times in school hours on school premises.
- From 08:35 a member of staff supports parent volunteers in the drop off. The drop off is 10 minutes only: 08:35 - 08:45.
- A one-way system operates at all times on the school grounds. Look for IN and OUT signs.
- Double yellow lines are in place in the school car park, to be respected at all times.
- Cones behind parked cars indicate cars which need access to leave. Do not park here.
- One single space dedicated to 'disabled badge holders only'. Nearest the school reception.

Parent/Carer and children's commitment and responsibilities:

- To support staff in safeguarding our children in the delivery to and collection from school.
- Ensure we do not leave unattended children before 08:35 when a vested volunteer or school staff member is on duty. We understand that until 08:35 children are parents/carers responsibility and must not be left on school grounds.
- To use the one-way system. Do NOT reverse into the exit, should the chain be across the entrance.
- Respect the 'disabled badge holders only' space.
- Respect double yellow lines at all times.
- Use pavements responsibly. They are not extra parking lanes.

This document is designed to improve the running of the school drop off and pick up, parking allocations in the surrounding area, and ensure emergency access at all times.

Parking in the surrounding area falls into these categories: School grounds, Street Parking and Car Parks. Please refer to the map provided or ask at the office if unclear on any stated location.

These are areas in which we recommend you CAN park:

- On-street Parking:
 - East Street on the single side of road closest to school, and where there are no white or no yellow lines.
 - Broadford Bridge Road (avoid driveways and ensure junction safety)
 - Church Street (avoid private spaces, drives and the junction by the Village House/Post Office)
- Car Parks
 - Queens Head Pub car park (parents are advised by school if there is an event / car park exclusion) - with thanks to the Queen's Head owners
 - St. Mary's Church small Car Park, at entrance to Church (parents are advised by school if there is an event / car park exclusion)
 - St. Mary's Church Hall Car Park (parents are advised by school if there is an event / car park exclusion) there is both a tarmac and an overflow field car park here - school is a 2 minute walk through the cemetery onto Church Street and accessible with buggies

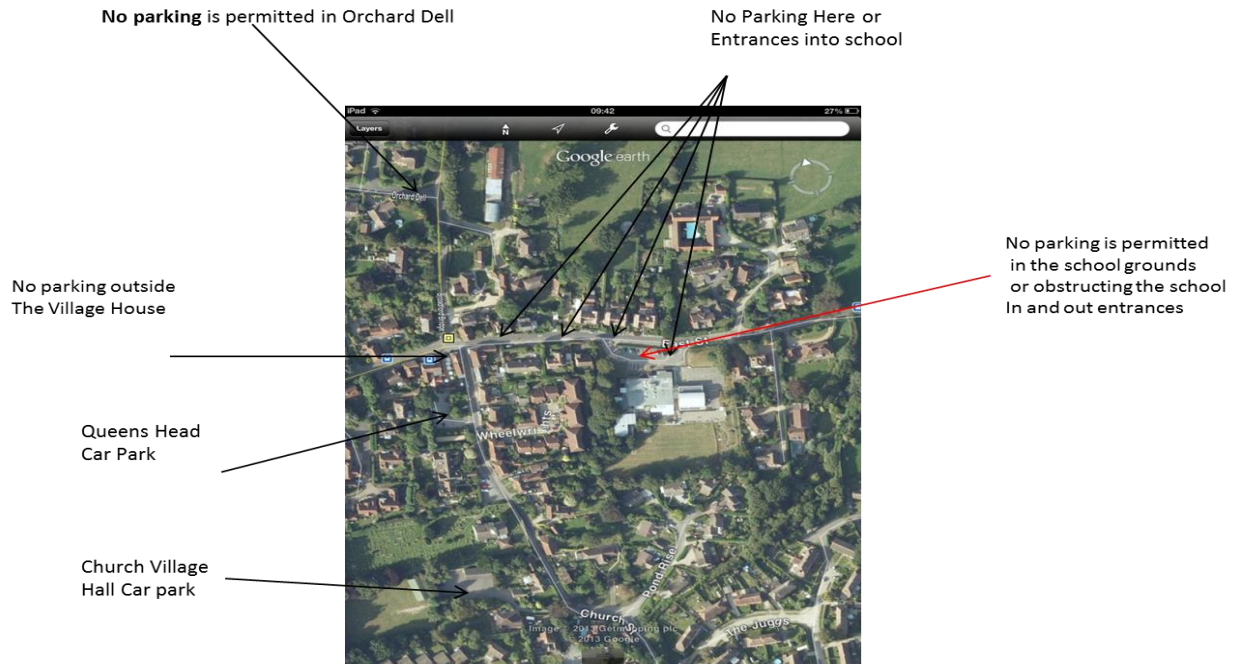
These are areas in which we recommend and ask you DO NOT park:

- School grounds (exceptions noted below)
- Orchard Dell and all other Private Roads
- Private driveways and garage access
- East Street, avoid all restricted white/yellow line markings. These enable resident gate access.
- East street south side between school and village shop on school side.
- East street north side beyond the safe straight section at the Rectory.
- Within 25m of the Church Street/East street junction on either street to avoid cars exiting Church Street swinging into the oncoming lane and to allow the Rydon school bus to manoeuvre at the Queen's Head Pub to drive into Broadford Bridge Road and into Orchard Dell to turn around. The children get off the bus outside the pub on the Church Street side.

We each have responsibility to comply with general Highway Code and common sense:

- **DO NOT** obstruct the chained or open IN or OUT ACCESS at school in case of **EMERGENCY ACCESS** at all times.
- **DO NOT** park on double yellow lines - no waiting at any time

School Parking



School drop off system

To help the parent/carer volunteers to enable a safe and efficient drop off we need your co-operation:

- The drop off window is 10 minutes only: 08:35 - 08:45.
- No children to be dropped off before 08:35 when a vested volunteer or school staff is on duty. Until 08:35 children are parents/carers responsibility.
- Please give way to traffic at the IN and OUT access of the school to prevent congestion and keep the traffic flowing at this busy time of day.
- Avoid congestion at the entrance to enable other non-school traffic to pass safely and freely.

Pick up

- Each child is to be collected by their parent/carer from the class staff. If a different person is collecting, the school office must be notified in advance by parent/carer. Tel: 01798 813319
- Follow the Parking guidelines.

After School Clubs

Children are leaving the school after various school clubs at around 4pm or later. They are at risk of accident as at normal pick up time. The same rules apply. Please do not park on school premises. The chain may be across the entrance after school.

Volunteers/ Club helpers

To enable volunteers to provide equipment and support to school, permits will be issued to drivers of vehicles for use during after school clubs or events to let them park in school staff spaces. Ask your FOSA representative or at the School Office for more details.

Special Events

There are occasions when we permit parking in the school playground. Usually to accommodate large numbers for special events. On these occasions, this will be announced via the school newsletter.

Office delivery

Should you need to bring something to the school outside the normal drop off times, you may park whilst unloading, behind any un-coned cars or in an empty space in the school car park. Do not obstruct the double yellow lines. You should indicate to office staff which is your vehicle, in case a member of staff needs to access their car.

Thank you for your support in safeguarding our children. For any questions or suggestions please speak to your Class Rep.