

A letter from the Governors' of St Margaret's School regarding Local Parking

Dear Parents,

Many concerns have been raised by parents, residents, staff and governors about parking outside school, during drop off and pick up times and we, the governors, feel these must be addressed. We are increasingly concerned about child safety and the needs of the local residents.

We would be very grateful if you would consider and follow the proposals set out below.

1. If parking on Archery Rise: PLEASE

- a) park only on the left hand side (as you go down the hill). Parking on both sides of the road does not allow access for the emergency services which is very worrying and dangerous
- b) do not park on the pavement. This causes an obstruction and makes it very difficult for pedestrians, particularly the elderly and people with young children and pushchairs.
- c) do not park over people's driveways (or in resident's driveways without permission, as has been known) – this is obviously very unfair on the residents and inconsiderate.

2. If parking on the first right hand turn road off Archery Rise which goes into Copeland Court PLEASE

- a) park on the left hand side only – not on both sides. Residents of Copeland Court have informed us that they have often been blocked in and unable to get in or out of their homes.

As above b and c

3. Please do not use the left hand entrance road off Archery Rise into St Margaret's School

- a) as a turning circle
- b) to drop off or pick up children
- c) to park

(The Zig-Zags are there to provide a clear and safe space for children).

4. Please keep your children away from the cars parked in the school grounds as many cars have been accidentally damaged.

We know these problems are caused by a minority of parents. To those of you who have never parked inconsiderately or allowed children near staff cars, we are sorry you have to receive yet another communication of this nature. We would very much prefer never to have to write in these terms again. Can we ask you to help us to tackle the problem by approaching parents who you see parking badly to remind them politely of our concerns. Perhaps some peer pressure may help where other measures have failed.

To those of you who have parked inconsiderately, even if only once or twice, we know all parents are short of time, but the safety of the children and needs of the local residents are paramount. We have been informed that if parking does not improve on Archery Rise, then yellow lines will be placed there.

So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, just give yourself a few extra minutes to park carefully and considerately and walk a bit further if necessary. Please also pass this information on to any other adults who drop off / collect your child(ren) from school.

With many thanks for your help in this matter.

The Governors' of St Margaret's School