

# Baden-Powell & St Peter's CE Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing once again to address the ongoing parking issues in the vicinity of both school entrances. Despite previous reminders, we continue to experience persistent problems that are creating significant hazards for our children, straining relationships with our local community and placing an unfair burden on staff who are regularly required to intervene.

In recent weeks, we have seen repeated instances from some members of our parent community of:

- Inconsiderate parking, including cars stationed on single yellow lines and in areas clearly marked to maintain visibility and safety.
- Obstruction of the road, blocking thoroughfares and making it difficult for vehicles, and in some cases, emergency services to pass safely. The irony, of course, is that should an accident occur, emergency services themselves might be unable to reach those in need.
- Refusal to park slightly further away, even when safer and more appropriate spaces are available just a short walk from the school.
- Dangerous near-misses, including several concerning incidents on Windsor Road where children were nearly struck by moving vehicles.
- Parking on the island situated on Windsor Road, causing damage to the environment and obstructing spaces where children wait for collection.
- Car engines left idling during drop-off and pick up-times, which is harmful to the environment and detrimental to your children's health (an infringement of Rule 123 of The Highway Code).
- Fractious disagreements between adults over parking rights, which is not behaviour we would ever wish our children to witness or emulate.
- Frequent complaints from residents, who are, quite rightly, frustrated and exasperated by the ongoing disruption outside their homes.

This situation is not fair on me, my colleagues, or the families who *do* take care to follow the rules and prioritise safety. It should not require repeated messages, interventions or conflict to ensure that our children can arrive and leave school safely each day.

I am therefore asking, sincerely and firmly, for your full support and cooperation.



*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" Colossians 3:23*

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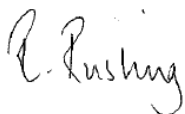
- Park considerately.
- Think carefully about the safety of all children, not just your own.
- Model respectful, responsible behaviour that we would want our pupils to learn from.
- Show courtesy to our local residents, who deserve to feel safe and respected in their own neighbourhood.

A very simple collective effort - parking legally, safely and with consideration will make a significant difference.

Thank you to those families who consistently do the right thing. I hope that as a community we can now work together to resolve these issues once and for all.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Rusling'.

Rachel Rusling  
Headteacher