St Paul's CE Primary School

Car Park Management Policy

Agreed by Governing Board on 13/3/2023

Policy will be reviewed by March 2025

Introduction

The school values and recognises the uniqueness of each individual child and acknowledges their fundamental right to be educated to their full potential in a safe, secure and caring environment. The school, which has a Christian ethos, will, in partnership with parents and the extended community, promote our Christian values of Love, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Justice and Hope.

This car parking policy has been written because of longstanding issues with parking and safety. Despite school involving police, council, regularly communicating with parents and staffing the car park from 3pm, issues still persist. School is not funded to provide staff to man the car park.

The guidelines below refer to The Blue Badge scheme and Blue Badge holders. However several points apply to all users of the car park.

The guidelines have been informed by the Department of Transport's, "Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and responsibilities in England".

 St Paul's CE Primary School does not provide car parking for parents. The circular car park is fully used for staff car parking. This car park is school property. The rectangular car park is a council car park which school is allowed to use during the school day and, by necessity of circumstances rather than by choice, has to endeavour to manage during the school day due to issues caused in the car park. The use of the rectangular car park, therefore, for both blue badge holders, and the non-disabled is at the school's discretion.

 A blue badge is intended to help the disabled to park close to school, either as a passenger or driver.

 The blue badge is allocated to the holder and not the vehicle. It is for the holder's use and benefit only. The blue badge holder must not allow others to benefit from the scheme i.e. transporting other people/families.

 The Blue Badge is intended for on-street parking only. Off street car parks, such as those provided in local authority, schools or hospital car parks etc., are governed by separate rules.

 The school retains the right to deny access to any member of the public to either car park, particularly if there are any staff and pupil safeguarding issues or the users are misusing the concessions and privileges.

<u>Cars may enter the rectangular car park, before 8:30am and must not leave before 9am and again before 3pm and not leave before 3.35pm.</u>

 The rectangular car park provides three disabled parking bays which are for the priority of children, visitors to the school and staff.

 Blue badges must be displayed at all times if the car is parked in a disabled bay.

 The school car park remains closed to ALL cars between the times of 8:30am-9am and 3.00pm-3.35 pm. This is to ensure the safety of our children and the smooth running of the car park.

The implementation of this policy will coincide with a walk-to-school initiative which could significantly reduce car parking and traffic issues around school. The vast majority of pupils live less than half a mile away from school and are not disabled/ do not have disabled parents. Therefore the vast majority of school families will be able to choose to access this initiative.