

School Drive Policy.

Introduction

As part of Governors duty of care it has been agreed to restrict the number of vehicles accessing the school site in order to keep pedestrians safe; to ensure emergency vehicles have full access at all times; to avoid congestion for parking and turning at the school and reduce wear and tear on the drive. It has been agreed that all staff either paid or volunteers can access the drive. Governors are aware that exceptions must be made to meet their duties and obligations set out in the Equality Act 2010 and reasonable adjustments will be made for other visitors to the school including pupils and their parents/carers.

Applying for a Permit

If a parent/ carer feel they have difficulty in accessing the drive either for themselves or for their child a form can be obtained from the office. A medical note/ blue badge or discussion with HT is required to support an application. If a permit is required urgently i.e. in the event of a sudden illness which restricts mobility, contact the office by phone to ensure a permit can be issued .

All requests for a permit will be looked at individually. The Governing Body realise that flexibility is required and reasonable adjustments are needed for each individual. The permit is agreed by HT and a Governor.

Length of Permit

Permits will be issued either for a full school year or if the disability is temporary, for an agreed length of time. If, at the end of the review period, it is felt that the permit needs extending the permit holder can either discuss their needs or show further medical evidence to extend the permit.

Parents are welcomed to discuss their concerns or any issues at induction or if their needs change. All applications are treated individually and discretion exercised on each individual case.

Use of Permit

Permit holders are expected to drive with consideration to all drive users including pedestrians and follow the 5mph rule. Permit holders are requested to park before the green gates and with due consideration for other users. The path accesses the main entrance from this area.

Gate Closure

The gates at the top of the drive will be closed from 8.40am-9.00am; 11.45am-12.05pm and 3.00pm-3.25pm. During these times all vehicles must remain in parking bays. If the vehicle

user is in possession of a permit access needs to be gained before and after these times. To support the equality scheme children can be dropped off at the breakfast club at 8.30am and can attend the study club until 3.25pm to allow for parents/carers time to exit/access the school. This policy supports the schools equal opportunities and equality scheme.