



# Ferndale Primary School and Nursery

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Ferndale Primary School and Nursery - Wiltshire Avenue  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

## Parking Information

I am writing to you regarding parking and collection arrangements around school. While we understand that on rainy days more children are picked up by car, it is important that everyone follows our rules to keep all children and families safe.

### **Safety in the Staff Car Park**

Children regularly cross through the staff car park. For this reason, parents must not park there at any time (unless you have a Blue Badge, see below). To ensure children's safety, the school gates will now be closed during pick-up and drop-off times.

### **Disabled Parking Bays**

We have a limited number of disabled spaces available. Once these are full, no additional Blue Badge holders will be admitted until a space becomes free. These spaces may only be used if the person collecting or the child being collected is directly associated with the badge. If the badge belongs to a family member who is not present, you will not be permitted to use the space. This ensures fairness for all families who genuinely need access.

### **Respectful Behaviour**

We expect all adults on our site to treat staff and each other with respect. Shouting at staff or other parents is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

### **Consideration for Local Residents**

Please also ensure you are not blocking the driveways of local residents. They, too, may need to collect their own children, travel to work, attend appointments, etc and must be able to access their property at all times.

### **The Benefits of Walking**

Where possible, we encourage families to walk to school. Walking even part of the way has many benefits:

- ✓ **Quality time:** the walk provides a chance to chat with your child, share stories from the day, or play simple games like "I spy."
- ✓ **Health:** regular walking helps children (and adults!) stay active, improves fitness, and supports healthy growth.
- ✓ **Wellbeing:** fresh air and physical activity can boost mood, reduce stress, and help children arrive at school ready to learn.
- ✓ **Life skills:** walking together helps children develop road safety awareness and independence over time.

By walking, even if it is just from a safe spot a short distance away, you are helping to create a calmer, safer, and healthier environment for everyone.

### **Where to Park at Drop Off and Pick Up Times**

If you do need to drive your child to school you are able to park at All Saints' Church on Southbrook Street and Fernbrook car park, avoiding any red bays.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and respectful.

Kind regards

Miss Liz Horrobin  
Headteacher