



Learning for Life!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a positive start to the new term.

I am writing regarding our school car park, and would like to thank those parents and carers who have taken the time over recent months to share their concerns and experiences.

Your feedback is invaluable to us as the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families, visitors and staff remain our highest priority.

As you know our car park can be particularly busy during morning drop-off times. We continue to work closely with our colleagues at Marriotts School to encourage all users of the site to be considerate, patient and supportive of one another during these busy periods.

Last year, we introduced five additional disabled parking bays at the top roundabout. These bays are available for Blue Badge holders from both schools and have helped improve accessibility across the site.

In line with our ongoing efforts to support Lonsdale families with a safer and smoother morning drop-off, the school's leadership team has been reviewing the current arrangements. I'm pleased to inform you that we will be introducing a trial until the October half-term break.

Starting from Monday 21st September, parents and carers will be able to use our bus bays (alongside the minibuses) as additional drop-off spaces in the morning. This change will allow families to safely unload and accompany their children into school. Please note that our primary pupils use the staffroom door entrance; while secondary pupils enter via the reception door from 8.45am. All pupils will be directed to the main reception door from 9am, as our registers close at 9.15am.

To ensure the best use of these arrangements, we encourage families to arrive from 8.45am onwards whenever possible. After dropping off your child safely, we kindly ask that you move your vehicle promptly so that other families and buses can utilise the bays effectively.

We hope this trial will help improve the experience for everyone using the shared car park and further improve safety during the morning arrival period.

Towards the end of the trial in October, your will be greatly appreciated to help us understand if these new arrangements have been beneficial for you.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these arrangements further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

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