



Car parking at The Grove

As you will be aware The Grove car park can be very busy at peak times. On occasion we have had reports of near misses in our car park along with a few reports of collisions whilst parking. None involving injury.

We have taken the decision to adjust the design of our car park to increase the number of spaces available. The work is due to take place during a period of shutdown. In the meantime we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to read this document and adopt the suggested measures to minimise the risk to pupils, parents and staff.



What is Safe Parking?

The safest way to park at The Grove is to reverse park. The key reason for doing so is that this provides clear lines of sight when you are leaving the space, giving greater visibility to passing traffic and pedestrians from both directions. This reduces the chance that you will be involved in a collision. This is true of all situations where there are (or could be) vehicles parked either side of you, and especially so when those vehicles are large and limit visibility even more.

If you have to forward park (in exceptional circumstances), then take extreme care when reversing out of the space. Where possible get someone to guide you back until you have good visibility of traffic and pedestrians in both directions.

If you have them, please don't rely on sensors or cameras alone. Always check for obstructions before reversing and keep an eye out for pedestrians, especially children, who may walk into the same area that you are reversing into. When the sensors detect a moving object or person, it may be too late to avoid colliding with them. If in doubt stop and check that the area behind your vehicle is clear – if necessary get out of your vehicle and have a look. It is especially important for vehicles with limited rear visibility.

Summary

- Parking safely at school is critical especially during winter months when visibility may be reduced - drive slowly and carefully.
- Please ensure that you reverse park your vehicle in the school car park.
- This will improve visibility and help improve the safety of all pupils, parents and visitors attending the school.

If you have any questions, please contact us. You may also contact the Parents Health & Safety Representative.

