



St Benedict's Primary School



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Dear Parent/ Carer

Our school is taking part in the Parking Pledge

We are wishing to make the area around the school gate at pick up and drop off times much safer so we are asking if you would kindly take a few moments to read this letter.

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. We would like to try something new to highlight the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at the start and finish of the school day.

We are launching our "Parking Pledge" with the main aim of keeping our children safe.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, and staff. With your support we can create a safer environment for our children with fewer cars on the road and by promoting considerate parking.

By making the pledge your family will be supporting our commitment to reducing congestion around the school gates, improving road safety and to increase the number of children travelling actively and safely to school.

While the pledge is voluntary, we are asking you to read the promises we have developed so we can show that our families are committed to making the area around the school safer and that we are being considerate parkers to our school community. So please look at our family pledge attached.

Many thanks

Mrs A Williams and all the staff at St Benedict's Primary School.



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Our family are making the Parking Pledge

Please discuss with your family when making the pledge what you are promising to commit to.

Our school has agreed on the following promises that we would like your family to commit to us and our school community.

- **REMEMBER**- our family will always park sensibly, and never on 'school keep clear' zig zag lines or opposite a junction, in a bus bay, or on double yellow lines.
- **REMEMBER** to give the school crossing patrol (Lollipop Person) more space so they can cross the children safely and help improve visibility when stopping the cars.
- **OUR FAMILY** will respect our community residents by not parking over driveways, on pavements or verges which can cause damage and access issues, helping us be good neighbours.
- **OUR FAMILY** will always take care when driving in the school vicinity, drive slowly and look out for families travelling to school by foot or bike.
- **OUR FAMILY** will always 'park and stride' to school where possible when driving the car, which will help our children practice their road safety skills.
- **THINK** -Does our family need to drive every day, or could we travel by foot, bike or scooter or bus one day a week. This could show our children how much fun travelling by these can be.

We would like to thank you on behalf of all our families, children and staff at school for helping us achieve our travel plan objectives and for the making the pledge.

