



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Dear Parents/carers

Parking & Driving around the school site

Unfortunately I find I must again write to all parents to ask for your cooperation when transporting your child to school.

My Senior Leadership Team are on duty outside the school on Sutton Road at the beginning and end of each school day to keep our children safe. Regrettably that job is made difficult due to the dangerous driving and parking of a small but significant number of parents.

Similarly the school regularly receives complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking preventing them from accessing their properties, and from others about the poor standard of driving.

May I therefore reiterate the following points which have been made previously on several occasions:

- We encourage students to walk or cycle to school. This sustainable form of travel also promotes health. The school has secure cycle storage facilities and offers Bikeability training for students in year 7.
- We strongly encourage use of public transport. We are well served by the local bus network. West Midlands Travel offer good value termly bus passes for students which can be used for any journey, not just for school.
- If you do drive your child to school, you should arrange to drop and collect them away from the school site and let them walk the final part of the journey. This will alleviate the pressure of traffic immediately around the school.
- If parking in the local area you must follow the highway code. Parking on yellow zig-zags, in bus stops, across crossing areas, within 10m of a junction or in front of an entrance to a property are all prohibited. Please show consideration and respect to our neighbours and other road users.
- You must not stop in flowing traffic to allow passengers to get in or out of your vehicle. My staff see this extremely dangerous practice happening daily.
- You should not perform U-turns immediately outside the school as this causes obstruction to other vehicles.

We already work with the Local Authority to promote road safety and sustainable travel amongst our students. You should be aware that we proactively invite the police and parking enforcement teams to visit the school at peak times and issue penalties to drivers who are breaking the law.

I realise that the majority of parents already drive safely and considerately. Unfortunately the behaviour of a significant minority of parents is currently placing the safety of all students and staff at the school at risk. As we enter the darker winter months it is important that this situation is addressed.

Yours sincerely

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