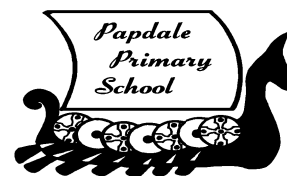


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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Parking and Pupil Safety

In recent months the Parent Council, School, Police and OIC have received complaints and concerns regarding the congestion around Papdale Primary School and the surrounding area at drop off and pick up times. On the reverse of this letter is a map highlighting the areas of concern.

With the darker nights' drawing in we felt it was time to remind all car users that inappropriate parking around the school is compromising the safety of our children. Inappropriate parking includes:

- parking on double yellow lines and pavements
- using the kitchen car park behind the Infant Hall as a drop off point
- blocking access to car parks by parking where there is no designated space
- using one of the bus/ taxi/ disabled parking spaces without entitlement.
- using traffic islands as parking spaces
- parking in front of the bollards on the safe school walking route (old road to KGS)
- not respecting the 20mph speed limit
- not respecting the safety of School Crossing Patrol Officers (SCPO)
- blocking local residents driveways

There have been reports of aggressive drivers and inattention, particularly when reversing, in the streets and car parks around the school which has resulted in close calls between children and vehicles.

Whilst we appreciate that parking spaces around the school and surrounding areas are always at a premium we would encourage all motorists to park responsibly to keep all our children as safe as possible.

Since January 2016 Kirkwall Grammar School have offered parents the use of their car park as an alternative pick up and drop off point for children going to Papdale Primary School to try and alleviate some of this congestion. Positive feedback has been received from users of this car park and it only takes 2 minutes to walk to and from the school from here. It would be appreciated if more car users would consider this parking option. We would also remind everyone to use the SCPO as much as possible to cross roads to ensure the safety of all the children and pedestrians.

We appreciate that this is a sensitive issue but would urge you to keep children's safety in mind at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Papdale Primary Parent Council & Papdale Primary School

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