

Parking Arrangements from September 2011

Briefing note for Parents

From the start of the Autumn Term in September 2011, the parking arrangements at the Senior School will be markedly different to before. There are no fewer designated spaces than previously, but the new tennis courts layout means that they will be in different locations as follows:

- The old Tennis Courts (new car park) (39 spaces)
- Between Science and the new Tennis Courts (as before) (9 spaces)
- Behind Science / Music (as before) (13 spaces)
- In front of Art (as before) (8 spaces)

All of these spaces are allocated for the use of staff, at least during the day, until 5.00pm. In addition, the three Visitor / Disabled spaces beside Reception, and five 'Resident Only' spaces near the cycle sheds will remain.

For parents, the 'drop-off' arrangements in the morning, between the Portland Street entrance and the Bootham Row exit remain unchanged.

It is our objective to create a 'pedestrian priority' zone, comprising the playground and the area in front of the Assembly Hall, in which there are no parked cars and minimal car movement between 8.15am and 5.00pm. Twenty-six parking spaces are marked out on the playground to maximise the safe and efficient use of the area for collection of students by parents, and for the swim school. During term-time, it will generally be feasible to access this area **only** after 5.00pm. This will be controlled by a barrier, which will not be lifted during the day except to provide access to the visitor / disabled spaces beside Reception, the use of which will need to be pre-booked for attendees at meetings with school staff (a Visitor Permit will be issued). On Saturday mornings, the barrier will be raised at 11.30am to allow parents to collect their children and stay for lunch.

Playground parking may be permitted at other times for various school 'events', and for visitors attending Open Mornings. Such occasions will be advertised in advance on our website and in the weekly newsletter.

There will be a one-way circulation route, anti-clockwise around the Assembly Hall. Vehicles from the playground, visitor spaces and resident spaces should all exit past the front of the Assembly Hall via the newly built link to the new car park on the old tennis courts, and down the ramp to exit the site via Bootham Row or Portland Street.

No doubt it will take some time for us all to get used to these changed arrangements. They are however, a significant step towards creating a safer and more pleasant environment for students, segregating vehicles from pedestrians and cyclists, and an essential first step in the implementation of our Development Plan. We would be grateful for your consideration towards staff who will be managing this change, especially the porters, reception and security who have a significant role in ensuring that the new arrangements are successfully introduced. The porters will be carrying out increased checks to identify wrongly parked vehicles and action will be taken to 'educate' repeat offenders!

Please observe the following general rules during term-time:

- 5 mph Speed Limit throughout the site
- Parents are asked not to park on site before 5.00pm (11.30 am on Saturdays) except as pre-booked users of one of the three designated visitor spaces.
- Please only park in marked parking spaces. If there are no spaces available you will need to park off-site (Bootham Row, Union Terrace or Marygate)
- Parking by students, even with a family permit, is not allowed.
- The Visitors (3) and Residents Only (5) spaces should not be used for general parking at any time.

Replacement permits will be issued to current permit holders and new applicants. The old permits will no longer be valid (please contact Jeanne Long jeanne.long@boothamschool.com if you have not received your new permit by the start of term). The new permits will not be specific to a vehicle, but we will still maintain a list of vehicle registration numbers. Please let us know if you change your vehicle. Only one permit will be issued per family. As before, a Parent Permit does not guarantee a parking space.

An application form for a new permit can be obtained from Reception, by e-mail request to schoolsecretary@boothamschool.com or you can download it from the parents download page of the website (see Senior School then Other Downloads).

Thank you for your help and understanding.

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