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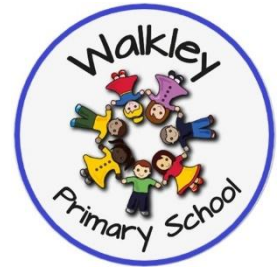
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Monday 2nd February 2026

Safeguarding: Changes to the use of the school driveway - Effective 23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing following a recent survey conducted by the school into the volume of traffic on and around the school site during drop-off and pick-up times, as well as several concerned messages received from parents.

This has highlighted that the school driveway is being used more frequently, leading to significant congestion. In addition, we have also had reports of and witnessed ourselves, some vehicles travelling too fast along the driveway, despite the 5mph speed limit.

We have also noticed an increase in cars waiting with idling engines. This not only adds to congestion but also creates unnecessary air pollution in an area where children and families are gathering. Reducing engine idling is therefore necessary in order to improve safety, air quality, and reduce the risk of fines being issued for unnecessary vehicle idling.

As a result, these busy periods are becoming increasingly dangerous for our pupils, their families, and staff. Ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community remains our highest priority.

We would like to inform all families that the school driveway must not be used unless you are a Blue Badge holder and this is clearly displayed on your dashboard. **This change will come into effect after the half-term holiday, from Monday 23rd February.** Unfortunately, this means that all parents and carers without a Blue Badge who currently have permission to use the driveway, will no longer be able to do so after half term and must make alternative parking arrangements. This includes dropping children off at Breakfast Club and collecting children from After School Club.

The bottom of the driveway is not a car park. This area must be kept clear as it is a delivery and emergency vehicle turning circle, with three designated disabled parking spaces only. The Gates at the bottom of the driveway will remain closed until 8.40am. They will be opened for Blue Badge holders until 8.50am. At pick-up time; 3.10pm, the gates will open for Blue Badge holders to gain access to the disabled parking spaces. The driveway is reserved solely for those who require closer access to the school **and** have a Blue Badge displayed. If you are a Blue Badge holder and your child attends Breakfast Club or After School club, please contact school for further information.

To apply for a blue badge, click here: [Apply for a Blue Badge](#)

With best intentions to support our families who have stated they would benefit from parking nearer to the school, the situation has now become unsafe and high risk. These changes must come into effect. Safeguarding against



what is now a considerable risk to pupils and families gives us no leeway in this matter. We are sure you will understand that we have a duty to act decisively to keep everyone safe.

All other parents and carers are asked to park considerately away from the school entrance and walk their children safely to and from the school gates. Please consider our neighbours when parking your vehicles and adhere to the law as stated in the [Highway Code](#).

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us reduce traffic risks, improve air quality, and keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance of our pupils' safety.

Yours sincerely

Mr Wallis

Headteacher