

Lambley Primary School

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No School Parking at The Lambley

I have been asked to inform you all that the Lambley car park is for customer use ONLY with immediate effect. There will be no more school parking. She says that anyone caught parking in the car park (that is not a customer) will be clamped with a £250.00 release fine.

Despite efforts to ensure everyone in our school community is fully aware of the parking agreement with the Lambley Village Kitchen Pub, there have been continued incidents. It has been reported that the agreement is broken every single day which I am surprised about. It has also been reported that there have been a few occasions where members of the school community have been abusive towards the landlady when she has challenged them about their parking and this has caused distress.

Over the past 6 months we have tried to ensure there are very clear parking rules in place and also provided a member of staff for a full week drop off and pick up to help ensure that all school users of the car park fully understood these rules. This reportedly had an impact but there have been continued issues involving a small minority of the school community. The car park plan, with map of the restricted places, has been distributed a few times now to help with this.

This Monday, the landlady reported that she had again been faced with abuse when she asked a member of the school community to move her car from the disabled bay. They refused and the landlady was forced to move her car out onto the road so that a customer could park. At this point she asked school to provide full parking attendance, but this is something that we are unable to do. At the same time, we support her in the fact that this kind of behaviour cannot be allowed to continue.

Throughout our communication with parents, we have given reminders that we have a duty to be good neighbours and respect the fact that this is her business and we do not have a given right to use her private property. As she points out, clear instructions are in place and everyone has had numerous chances but some continue to ignore the instructions.

Yesterday, there was a further incident at pick up time where a member of the school parent community confronted a customer about his poor parking. He reportedly was parked taking up two spaces. The parent wanted him to move his car so that they could park (the other spaces were taken up at this busy time). This caused distress to the customer who reported the incident to the landlady who was then able to view what took place on CCTV. The customer was one of the mourners at the wake that was being held. Following on from this, she made the decision that enough is enough and the car park would be closed to parents with immediate effect.

Road Safety & Use of Social Media

Following on from this turn of events, we ask that you allow plenty of time to walk to school or park a little distance away so that you can walk the remainder of the journey. Please park sensibly, avoiding people's driveways and with the safety of our pupils in mind. We also ask

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you to avoid using the garage forecourt to turn your car around as this impacts adversely on their business. We do not want to cause a problem to anyone in the local community. I am due to meet with members of the school Governing Body after the Christmas break to discuss the school Travel Plan and the steps we need to take to improve the safety of everyone as they travel to and from school. We will update you on this in the New Year. Meanwhile, one of the Parent Governors, Katie Swift, will be making relevant enquiries with Highways, the council and our local Parish Council. She will be in touch in the New Year with an update and to explore some possible solutions.

My primary concern is the safety of the children and local community at drop off and pick up time, however, I cannot condone the behaviour of the individuals involved. Nor can I condone personal comments being made on Facebook in response to this action. Please remember that the landlady is fully within her rights to take this action and that it has clearly been a distressing time. Can I remind you all of our Code of Conduct Policy which makes it clear about the action that should be taken in response to inappropriate use of social networking sites. All social networking sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. Our school expect that any individual parent/ carer remove such comments immediately. As an initial response to personal comments made last night, the thread has been removed by one of the administrators.

Dates and Details for the next Half Term

- Monday 8th Jan- School closed for INSET
- Tuesday 9th Jan- Children return to school
- Tuesday 9th Jan- Y5/6 Basketball Afterschool Club begins with Mr Robinson
- Wednesday 10th Jan- Lunchtime Yoga Club begins
- Thursday 11th January- Roman Day in Maple & Beech Classes
- Friday 12th January- KS2 Pop Lacrosse Festival- team only
- Monday 15th January- Mr Riley begins his placement with Miss Hall in Birch Class
- Tuesday 16th January- NSPCC Assembly
- Tuesday 16th January- Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena
- Wed 24th January- Elm Class Assembly @ 9:20am- Parents & Carers welcome
- Tuesday 30th January- NSPCC Thank you Assembly
- Friday 2nd February- Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops
- Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 7th February- Parents Consultation Evening
- Friday 9th February- Last Swimming Session for Y3/4
- Tuesday 13th February- Parents Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 14th February- Birch Class Assembly
- Thursday 15th February, 3:30pm- Pupils break up for Half Term
- Friday 16th February- School closed for INSET Day

End of Term

I want to finish off by thanking you for your support over the duration of this busy and fabulous Autumn Term. We look forward to everything that 2018 will bring. Merry Christmas to you all!

Vicky Dilnot

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