

CODE OF CONDUCT – DRIVING TO SCHOOL

The school is in a residential area, well served by public transport, and as such discourages the use of private motor vehicles for the purposes of dropping pupils at, and collecting them from, the school. Traffic is a danger to the pupils and staff who walk or cycle to school, and congestion on Abbotswood Road is both a nuisance and a danger to the residents who constitute our neighbours. We urge all parents to consider whether they are able to encourage a means of travel to school which is not reliant on private motor vehicles (such as arrival by foot, by cycle, by public transport, or by the school minibuses) or, if this is not possible, to share cars in the morning and after school.

We do require that all parents dropping off or collecting their daughters from / to school adhere to the following code of conduct:

- For those parents who drive from the direction of Bedford Hill, we request that they proceed past the main gates and drop off / collect their daughter(s) adjacent to the school playing fields after the second set of yellow zig-zag lines.
- Once you have dropped off / collected your daughter(s) please continue down Abbotswood Road and leave the area by Drewstead Road and then Woodfield Avenue. Please do not return down Hoadly Road or conduct a U-turn and exit back along Abbotswood Road to Bedford Hill, as this will defeat the aim of our traffic measures.
- For those parents who drive from the Streatham Hill direction, we request they drive down Hoadly Road and turn right outside the school gates along Abbotswood Road and adhere to the arrangements as detailed above.
- Residents' drives should not be blocked, even during short periods of 'waiting' where the car is attended.
- Due regard should be given to the directions of the school's traffic marshals, who are present to advise on and enforce this Code of Conduct.
- No vehicle should wait or be parked on the zig-zag lines outside the school.
- Vehicles should be driven in a calm manner which causes least disturbance to residents.
- Vehicle exhaust emissions from idling vehicles contributes significantly to air pollution and are particularly harmful to children, so we would ask that engines are turned off when a vehicle is stationary and is not in traffic.
- Our traffic marshal/premises team will seek, as far as is possible, to prioritise this area as a drop-off zone in the morning / afternoon and will assist you in dropping off / collecting and moving on. Our traffic marshal will be on duty for this purpose from 7.15 to 8.45 am and from 3.45 to 4.20 pm. The marshal will be assisted by a member of our premises team at busy times.
- Under these arrangements, no-one is permitted, under this guidance, to stop, wait, drop off, or pick up on the "no stopping on school entrance" yellow zig-zag lined areas; these are marked off to protect our pupils near the school gates.

We are sure that these stipulations make common sense, and that all parents driving to and from school will wish to ensure that there is no breach of this code of conduct. Any breach causes the school considerable reputational damage. We therefore request the cooperation of all parties driving to and from school and are grateful for your support.

Parents are asked to use the reply form in Parent Post to indicate whether they drive, and if so to confirm that you have read Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.