



Guru Nanak Sikh Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: PARKING AROUND SCHOOL AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS

In welcoming you back to the new term, we continue to face problems of parking and congestion around the school and neighbouring roads.

Safety is our first priority and we once again ask all parents to remind themselves of their safety obligations when they drop off/pick up their children by car to/from school. Parents must be mindful of the driving and the parking restrictions around and in front of the Academy grounds and neighbouring businesses. There have been reports where children are being dropped off or picked up in the middle of the road or directly in front of the school grounds on the NO PARKING safety Zig-Zag, this is unacceptable. **This puts children's lives at risk and causes additional congestion with cars illegally parking and blocking the flow of traffic.**

We therefore kindly ask all our parents to follow the 'park legal - park safe' rules and never park in front of the Academy grounds for any pick-up or drop-off. **The space in front of the Academy needs to be kept clear at all times for safety reasons.**

Neighbouring businesses and residents on neighbouring roads have asked us yet again to remind our parents not use their private driveways or spaces to park or drop off students. Many local businesses now operate video surveillance, clamping and fining parked cars who use their grounds without permission. Residents on the other side of Minet Country Park in Abbotswood Way and Avondale Drive have home security systems and have shared great concern over the way some parents park and leave their cars in front of their driveways and also instances of double parking. Please note that the MAT does not accept any liability for any tickets/fines issued for illegal parking.

Schools under the MAT have a staggered start/finish times to help ease congestion and keep traffic flowing. To support with parking, there is parking available in the Minet Country Park car park. We would like to thank those parents who have worked together with other parents to 'car-share' the school run and would encourage other parents to consider the same in order to reduce the congestion. You may also want to ask your secondary aged children to walk to school if you live close by or drop them off a little distance away from the school and ask them to walk the rest of the way. This will also help to ease traffic congestion down Springfield Road.

We thank you all for your cooperation in supporting the safe passage of our children to and from the Academy.

Yours faithfully

Mr J S Sidhu
Chief Executive Officer