

Maidenbower Junior School

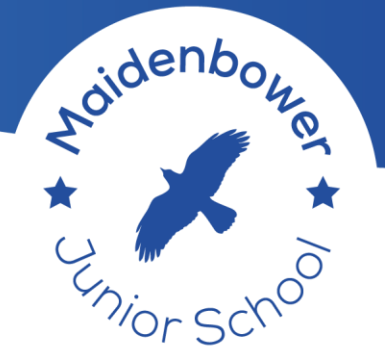
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a health and safety review, Maidenbower Junior School and Maidenbower Infant School and Nursery have been working together to put a safety plan in place to make our school premises as safe as possible, particularly during times of drop off and pick up. This follows concerns and observations of vehicles moving around the school car parks at times when pupils and families are arriving or leaving and there have been some near misses where vehicles have not seen children crossing, and unfortunately, we've reached a point where substantial changes are necessary to ensure everyone's safety.

As a result, we are writing to inform you of important changes to the car park that will take effect from Monday 3rd November, following the half-term break.

Who is allowed to bring their car onsite?

- Staff have permission to park onsite but will not be allowed to arrive or leave in their car from the times of 8:25-8:55am and 2:55-3:25pm.
- Blue badge holders have permission to park in a disabled parking space on site if needed.
- Each school may have identified vulnerable families who they have given permission to park on the school premises. If in the past, you have been issued a parking permit for the school car parks, these will no longer be valid. New permits will be given to families this week and these will need to be visible. Please be aware that we have had to alter the criteria for this so that it is only essential vehicles on site. As with staff, permit holders will not be allowed to arrive or leave in their car from the times of 8:25-8:55am and 2:55-3:25pm.
- External visitors, e.g. Local Authority Advisors, etc.
- Taxis – some of our pupils travel by taxi and for safety reasons, these need to collect on site.

If I have permission, where can I park?

- From Monday 3rd November, the eight parking spaces immediately to the right of the vehicle gate (in the red circle in the image) will be designated for parents with a parking permit in their car window. These spaces will no longer be available for staff parking.



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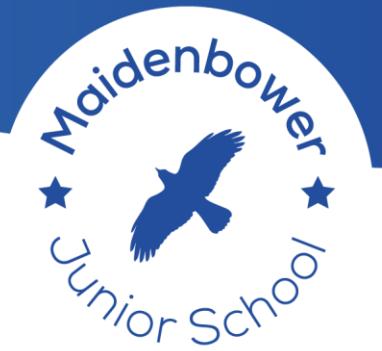
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**Can I drive on site if I am collecting my child for an appointment or other activity?**

- No, please use some of the other parking areas around the schools, e.g. the shops, the park, etc.
- If you are collecting a group of pupils to transport them to an event, e.g. sports competition, you will be able to use one of the visitor spaces, if it is not during times of drop off and pick up.
- If you are dropping off lunchboxes, etc, please park off site and walk to the school office.

Other safety information:

- If you do have permission to have a vehicle on site, please adhere to the 5mph speed limit.
- If you are accessing either school or the nursery, by foot, please use the pedestrian gate and footpaths that run alongside the junior school. Please do not walk in through the car gate entrance even if it is open, and please do not walk up the driveway.
- Please only use the visitor spaces if you have permission to park. There should be no other parking on site, including alongside the green gates near the nursery.
- Please keep your children close to you and ensure that they are not on their bike or scooter on school premises.
- Mr Dorans, from MJS, will be monitoring the vehicle gate and will not allow vehicles onto site without a permit.

The safety of our children and community must come first and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

If you have any questions about this, please contact your school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pike and Mrs Roberts
Headteachers