



Leigh and Bransford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Drop off car park users

The drop off car park was really struggling for capacity yesterday (particularly at pick up time) which resulted in school traffic queuing on to the main road. As I am sure you will recall me telling you, at the initial planning stage a condition was put in that permission was granted on the basis that we would not obstruct the flow of traffic on the main road. In addition to this, it is dangerous and I am concerned that school traffic is vulnerable to other road users getting impatient and/or making a mistake. For example, yesterday I saw another road user overtake a line of school traffic waiting to turn right into our drop off car park – this could have very easily resulted in a nasty accident. On another occasion we witnessed a skip truck having to break very sharply to avoid rear ending a queuing school car. There have been other near misses too and I would hate it if the near misses become actual collisions.

So, with all of this in mind we are keeping the staggers under review and these may have to be extended should the situation remain as it is. However, I think there are some improvements that may help as I will set out below.

- Firstly, please aim to arrive just **5 minutes before** your child's timetabled pick up time and try to vacate your parking space **as soon as possible**. We do understand that some of you have more than one child which means you will be around for longer.
- If you are parked on the right hand side of the car park blocking in others it is really important that you move your vehicle as quickly as possible as you could be blocking 3 valuable car parking spaces. I had complaints yesterday that people were blocked in by somebody who had picked up but hadn't left the school site.
- Please do not queue on the main road – I know many of you tell me that you do a lap around the Bank House roundabout (or similar) if the car park is full.
- Never park on the grass verges around the drop off car park – this was another safety condition of planning based around good visibility and traffic flows.
- Please note that the main car park gates will open at 2.45pm for pick up and the school inner gates will open at 3.05pm. The car park gates will be closed at 3.25pm, after that please come to school via Hoopers Close.

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| Class R | 8.50 – 3.10 | Hoopers Close entrance |
| Class 1 | 8.55 – 3.15 | Hoopers Close entrance |
| Class 2 | 9.00 – 3.20 | Hoopers Close entrance |
| Class 3 | 8.50 – 3.10 | Car park entrance |
| Class 4 | 8.55 – 3.15 | Car park entrance |

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| Class 5 | 9.00 – 3.20 | Car park entrance |
| Class 6 | 8.50 – 3.10 | Car park entrance |

Many thanks to all those who have spoken to me about the parking situation and have shared your ideas and insights from a user's point of view. I am certain that we can put procedures in place which mean that we can maximise the use of this valuable and unusual school facility going forwards as the school continues to grow.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bill
Headteacher