



RISEDALE
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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carers,

SUBJECT: Risedale Car Park - Access Restrictions from September

Following ongoing and serious safety concerns regarding our school car park, we are writing to inform you of a **permanent change to site access starting this September**.

Despite multiple communications with parents/carers of both Risedale and Hipswell schools, the car park remains dangerously congested during drop-off and pick-up times. We continue to witness speeding, parking in restricted zones (such as the bus lane), and unacceptable disrespect and verbal abuse toward staff managing traffic. Having exhausted all alternative solutions alongside Local Authority Health and Safety and planning colleagues over the last 22 months, we must now take decisive action to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff, and visitors.

What is Changing?

- **Vehicle Barrier Installation:** An electronic barrier is being installed over the summer break
- **No Drop-Off/Pick-up Access:** From **September**, parents and carers will no longer be permitted to enter the car park for drop-off or pick-up
- **Permitted Vehicles Only:** Access will be strictly reserved for school staff, scheduled visitors, school buses, and taxis.

Alternative Arrangements

- We strongly encourage pupils to **walk or cycle** to school wherever possible
- If you must drive, please drop your child off **a safe and appropriate distance away** from the school, ensuring you are mindful and respectful of our local residents.

We understand this may cause some initial inconvenience, but this is a vital and necessary safety measure that has the support of the Local Authority Health and Safety Team and Governing Board.

If your child has needs relating to a disability/medical condition that require them to be dropped off/picked up close to the school building, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their Pupil Support Manager to discuss how we can support this.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood.

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher.

