



Car Parking Guidelines



This guide has been produced to help you travel and park in and around the school in a manner which is legal, safe and considerate. By following this guide you will be helping to keep your child and other people's children safe and allow the school to focus on the education and care of your child rather than have to get involved in parking matters.

FACT

Research shows that 1200 children a month are involved in collisions within 500 metres of the school gates. 'School run' child casualties, defined as accidents occurring between 7.30 and 8.58am and 3.00 and 4.59pm accounted for roughly one third of all child casualties in the year. Of the 6645 school run casualties in 2011, 804 were deaths or serious injuries.

The safety of all children attending St Matthias is taken very seriously and can be maximised with the cooperation of parents/carers. Please think twice before parking on pavements, across driveways, at designated crossing points and illegally on parking restrictions.

Please consider parking away from the immediate vicinity of the school (e.g. in appropriate places in Deans Road and Tyburn Road) when dropping off and picking up your child and walking a short distance with them to and from the school. This can help them develop their road safety skills for future years. We encourage children to walk or cycle to school.



Tyburn Road



Deans Road

Students may cycle and leave their bikes at the school. We do have spaces for bicycles and encourage children to use these with parental permission, but cannot accept responsibility for bikes stored on school premises. Bikeability sessions are provided in school to promote the safe use of bikes.



To keep our students safe please regard the following:

Please don't turn into the main entrance to drop off children.



Please don't drop your children off in the visitors entrance. This is for staff, visitors, those registered disabled and the school taxis.



Please don't park anywhere in the driveway.



Please ensure your child accesses and leaves the school via the student gate.

This gate is open as follows:

8.00 – 9.30am

3.15 – 4.30pm



If your child arrives or leaves school at any other time, please sure ensure they go through the pedestrian gate and walk along the pathway.



FAQs

Q - I'm dropping my child off at school after 9.30am. Do the same guidelines for parking / dropping off still apply?

A - The guidelines remain the same at any given time.

Q - Where should I park if I have a meeting in school?

A - Please park in the visitors car park.

Visitors car park



Q - I don't have a meeting arranged but I need to talk to someone. What should I do?

A - If it's not an urgent concern please call the school to arrange a conversation or meeting. If it is urgent come and park in the visitors carpark.

Q - My child is about to be late for school. I don't want them to get a punctuality detention. Can I drop them off at the main entrance or bring them into the visitors car park?

A - The same guidelines apply and unfortunately your child will receive a punctuality detention.

Q - It's pouring with rain, I don't want my child to get wet so can I drop them off at the main entrance?

A - The same guidelines apply and your child must use the student gate.



Student gate

Q - I have made an arrangement with school to pick my child up early from school. Can I wait in the visitors car park?

A - You can use the visitors car park.

Q - Where can I pick my child up from?

A - You can pick your child up in the places suggested on page 2.

Tyburn Road



Deans Road



Further information and guidance

If you require further information or would like to discuss these guidelines, please arrange a meeting with the head teacher.

These guidelines were written in consultation with our local police.