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Dear Parents/Carers

You may well be aware that we are experiencing issues with parking capacity at school. To give some context, the school has grown significantly in recent years, and we now have 936 students. The increase in student numbers has in turn increased the number of staff at school to 132 including teachers, site and canteen staff and education support staff. The school has three parking areas; one by the bus bay, one immediately at the front of the school building and one to the rear of the building. This means we have a total of 120 parking spaces.

The swimming pool carpark does not belong to the school and recently we have experienced problems with school traffic using swimming pool spaces, preventing legitimate pool customers from being able to use the appropriate parking provision.

Our current sixth form student numbers are high, and a significant number of these students are driving to school and occupying parking spaces both at the school and also at the swimming pool.

In light of the above, we now need to make a decision regarding allocation of parking and the school's Governing Body has agreed that due to the demand and the limited capacity, parking spaces will be specifically for school staff and for visitors and deliveries to the school. From 1st February 2026, we can no longer offer on site parking to sixth formers.

Senior students should, where possible, use the bus service, which is frequent and subsidised for all school pupils, or walk, or be dropped off. Where it is absolutely necessary for a student to drive to school, they should find a parking space in the vicinity of the school, but not on school or swimming pool premises. They should be considerate of residents in the neighbourhood, adhere to the highway code in relation to safe and legal parking and should allow time, if necessary, to walk from wherever they have parked, to arrive punctually to school.

We trust you understand that the growth in school population and the limitations of our rather old school premises necessitates this decision and we ask for your help in communicating this to your young person.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher