

Alcester Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parking at School Pick Up Time

Good afternoon. I wanted to take the time to address the growing demand for parking spaces at 3.25pm outside of school on Gerard Road. Yesterday, especially became extremely difficult for parent drivers to navigate the safest road spaces.

If I could ask for your support with this situation, I would be extremely grateful as follows:

- Those students that are able to walk home, do so rather than being collected by car
- If your child is able to, arrange to meet them at a roadside location slightly away from the front of school
- The closest parking spaces to school are left for various taxis that now collect children. Often, these are more vulnerable children that need eyesight of their allocated vehicle easily and consistently
- Please do not park on the solid white lines, or so far on the kerb that children cannot easily walk past on the path safely.

I am very aware that Kinwarton Parish have respectfully asked that parents don't park on the grass verges down Captain's Hill and switch off engines whilst waiting also. Thank you for your consideration of these additional matters.

It may well be that we begin to use the one-way idea on Gerard Road that we put in to place at the early finish at the end of each term. This does help matters considerably. I'm unable to enforce this but we could try to agree to utilise it for a more well organised, and safer school exit:

- Enter Gerard Road via Captain's Hill and exit via Gerard Road leading into Throckmorton Road

This has helped the flow massively in the past.

I'm very grateful for your attention to this matter. The safety of students is always of paramount importance to us at Alcester Academy.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Mellors
Headteacher

