

25 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

School Street Scheme

As you are aware, the school street scheme went live on 2nd September. From that date it became an offence to enter Marina Crescent, Ruskin Way and Cedar Crescent between the hours of 8 am and 9 am and between 2.30pm and 3.30 pm (Monday to Friday, term-time only). Unless you are a resident of one of these roads, or have an exemption recorded, you are at risk of receiving a fine if you ignore the restrictions.

We would like to express our thanks to those of you who have chosen to park further away from the school and walk the last ten minutes or so of your journey with your children. It has been positive to see that some parents are now parking on Twickenham Drive and using the footpath that leads to Acacia Avenue.

As previously communicated the scheme involves the upgrading of this footpath to make it more pleasant to use, particularly in wet weather. The purpose of this letter is to advise that works to upgrade this path are being undertaken between 24th and 31st October to be ready for when the children return from half-term. For those of you not currently using the footpath and walking this route can we please ask that you consider doing so.

During the half-term break work is being undertaken to make Cedar Crescent one-way. As previously communicated, this will involve building out of one of the kerbs and the installation of one-way signs. Once installed vehicles will not be permitted to enter Cedar Crescent from Charlwood Avenue.

Whilst many of you have embraced the changes and adapted accordingly there are sadly a number of repeat complaints about parents parking and blocking people's driveways, in particular on Charlwood Avenue, Chestnut Avenue and Acacia Avenue. Members of the Highways Team are frequently on site at school drop-off and pick-up times and have witnessed these issues first hand. Can we ask again please that people show consideration and respect to the occupiers of houses near to the school and also to park in a way that does not compromise the safety of pedestrians using the footpaths.

Members of the Highways Team have also experienced, on several occasions, verbal abuse from parents/carers. I am sure that you will agree that this is not acceptable, even more so when you consider that this was in front of their own, and other children.

The enforcement cameras are due to be installed in the coming weeks so please, to ensure that you avoid a fine, consider an alternative place to park that is away from the immediate area. The paramount estate is large enough to be able to accommodate parking if it is not all concentrated within a five-minute walking zone.

Work is ongoing in both schools to develop travel plans. Travel plans include a range of initiatives to promote walking and cycling to school for the short journeys that many pupils need to take.

Thank you for your support in trying to make the school journey safer, and more enjoyable for your children.

Yours faithfully & Bate
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