

# ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC TEACHING SCHOOL

AN OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL - SPECIALISING IN LEADERSHIP AND HUMANITIES

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## School Gate Parking

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Whilst we would always encourage walking (and where appropriate cycling) to school we do acknowledge that often vehicles will be used by some to provide transport to school for your children. Unfortunately, however, complaints about illegally and inconsiderately parked vehicles around the school at start and finish times are a constant occurrence.

Parking illegally and/or inconsiderately not only causes inconvenience to local residents and undermines the school's efforts to be a good neighbour, but creates road safety issues, including danger to your children and local pedestrians crossing roads.

Please do consider these issues when parking. This may mean parking a little further away from the school. In all cases, please ensure that you comply with the following criteria which form rule 243 of the Highway Code:-

DO NOT stop or park

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
- At or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump back bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle.
- Where a kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic

Under no circumstances should vehicles stop or park on the yellow school 'Keep Clear' markings, on double yellow lines, or, on a pedestrian crossing. Regular visits by the Borough Council's ANPR equipped vehicles will be enforcing parking offences and penalty charge notices will be issued.

By parking in a legal and considerate manner, congestion will be reduced and safety increased along with enjoying the benefits of easy access to the school and enhancing the relationship of the school with its neighbours.

Yours sincerely

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