

St Nicholas' CE (VA) Primary School

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Dear parents

A very warm welcome to the start of 2022/2023 academic year at St Nicks School. What an absolutely fantastic summer holiday we had with the sun shining every day.....and now the rain has arrived and looks likely to be with us for some time!

We've had a wonderful start to the new school year welcoming all the children back to school and also welcoming our new Badger children who started on Monday this week for the morning stays only. Next week they will stay for the morning and lunch and then the week beginning 19th September 2022 Badger children will be with us full time! As there are so many of us now as the St Nicholas family can I please remind you all of the voluntary one way system we have successfully managed for several years now at drop off and collection times.

Drop off and Collection on Idmiston Road

- For many years we have successfully implemented a voluntary one way system. This means cars enter Idmiston Road from Porton Village and exit Idmiston Road via Idmiston village. This prevents two-way traffic along Idmiston Road and in doing so prevents vehicles mounting the kerb when two-way traffic cannot pass alongside parked vehicles;
- **PLEASE DO NOT REVERSE INTO THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE** – many vehicles are doing this and it is very dangerous;
- **PLEASE DO NOT MOUNT THE KERB;**
- Please do not execute 3-point turns on Idmiston Road;
- Please ensure you drive at the maximum speed of 20mph during the school zone times (the lights flash when this is in force).
- Please have due regard for our local residents when you are parking in the village so as to cause them as little disruption as possible;
- Please ensure you maintain a maximum speed of 20mph when you drive through the local villages: employ the motto 20 is plenty;
- Several cars are being parked on the Yellow Lines outside the school entrance – this is contrary to the Highway Code and the Police have already mentioned to me they will be carrying out checks and taking the appropriate action. The Yellow Lines are being used by the school for our drop off zone in the morning where cars can temporarily wait. The Police are aware of our school traffic management system and are satisfied with it.
- If you use the drop off zone in the morning, please indicate you are waiting on the side of the road by indicating left and then put your hazard lights on so other car users are aware you are using the drop off zone.

Waiting at the gate in the morning

There are many children waiting to enter the school site in the mornings, some children are waiting from 8.30am onwards. Please could I respectfully remind all parents children are not supervised until they enter the school site at 8.40am. On that basis I would be anxious if children were waiting unsupervised that were in Years 4 and below and would prefer children not to arrive at the gate prior to 8.40am.

Thank you for your continued support of our school,

Yours sincerely

S L Smith

Mrs S L Smith/Headteacher

