



# Pentrepoeth Primary School

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Dear Parent,

## IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE FOR PARENTS

I am writing to clarify drop off and parking arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day.

As you will be aware I have written to parents regarding this on many occasions and the school has sought to improve the access through added drop off bays during the summer holidays of 2019.



We are quite unique as a school in that we do have a drop off facility on site and some parent parking spaces, this is not available in most schools in Newport.

This morning I observed a number of cars parked in the drop off bays with no adults in them and a number of vehicles parked on the hill – some were parked on part of the pavement. Last week we had a near miss where a car was driving far too quickly in the school grounds.

It is vitally important and in the interests of safety that all parents abide by the following:

1. The drop off bays are for **drop off only**. No car is able to **park** or **wait** in the bays at the beginning or end of the school day, including Breakfast Club drop off and Nursery drop off and pick up. Under no circumstances should parents wait in these areas.
2. If you are dropping off or picking up Foundation phase children then you should park in a designated car park space or if one is not available park away from the school site and walk children to school. Parents, not older siblings should accompany their Foundation phase children to the classroom doors (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 children).
3. It is vitally important that parents drive slowly on the school site – the children have produced some signs warning parents of the dangers of speed inside the school grounds. Please keep to a maximum of 5mph inside the school gates, as per the signs.



4. Under no circumstances should cars be parked on the hill or pavements outside of the designated parking areas. This is a significant risk to the safety of children.
5. We respectfully request that where at all possible the disabled bay is for use of parents of children at the school with disabilities.

I understand that we all have busy lives yet we cannot compromise the safety of our children. If you can walk children to school please do so. Only bring your car on to the school premises if you absolutely have to.

I am looking at additional signs and traffic management measures and these will be introduced as soon as possible.

Thank you for your full cooperation in these matters. I do not want to have to close the main school gates and stop cars from using our drop off area and car parks. I have asked Newport City Council Health and Safety team and Gwent Police to spot check the situation and the Police and NCC will be visiting the school periodically.

Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Harman, Mrs Peebles and I will be closely monitoring this and will be asking parents to move their vehicles where appropriate. We are not asking parents to do this to be awkward but in the interest of the safety of all our children. Verbal abuse of staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances, particularly when this is purely in the interests of safety of children.

I am also asking parents to be considerate of the local community when parking offsite. We want to be considerate neighbours. Please do not park close to the school gates or block resident's driveways at the back or front of the school. May I also ask that, in the interests of pupil health that wherever parents park, either in a designated parking space on school site or offsite, that you do not leave engines running as the impact of on air pollution and children is well documented.

Please plan ahead and plan drop off and pick up so that you have plenty of time to park away from the school and safely pick up or drop off your children.

I would kindly ask that you make relatives, childminders or any other adults who pick up or drop off aware of the contents of this letter.

This letter will be on the school website, sent with a link by text and a paper copy will be sent out by pupil post.

Again, thank you for your full cooperation in these very serious and important safety matters.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Taylor  
Headteacher

