



RIDGEWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Car parking and Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who allowed their children to help out at our Open Evening. Our students were incredibly impressive helping out in classrooms, with the car parking and guiding groups of parents around the school. We have had some fantastic feedback about their helpfulness and friendliness but the most positive feedback has been about their confidence and determination to push their speaking skills as much as possible. We were very proud to have so many students volunteer to do such a good job for us.

On another note, I would like you to consider dropping and picking your child off at the Dunsley Road car park, by the footpath on Dunsley Road or at the bottom of the hill away from Park Road West if you travel to and from school by car. We are incredibly concerned about the current volume of traffic on the road up to the school and the danger it poses to students. Cars turning in our gateway, doing three point turns on Park Road West and parking on pavements taking up space that the students need to walk on and reducing their ability to see what's on the road, all increase the chance of an accident. The footpath at the back of school is flat and avoids the need to walk up hill. It is a much easier drop-off and pick up point.

I would also be grateful if you could always avoid parking by our neighbours' driveways. The residents on Park Road West have been very supportive of school and have had to put up with numerous disruptions from lorries during our building work. Some of the local residents are older and become distressed at the idea that they might not be able to leave their houses or get onto their driveways.

Thank you for your support in both of these matters.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rae Cope
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