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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Travel Plan and parking update

I wanted to update you on a recent meeting I had with colleagues from Hampshire County Council, Havant District Council and Graingers with regard to parking and transport local to our school.

This was a useful meeting in which we discussed the current driving and parking arrangements, as well as confirming our support for other sustainable ways of travelling. One of the main outcomes was the decision to no longer ask our parents to return along Grainger Street once you have dropped your children off, but to continue in a clockwise direction along Houghton Avenue, reducing the issues of two way traffic as you drive onto and back from Kentidge Way. The direction of the buses will also change, but this will not be implemented until probably just after half term.

I would also remind all parents and carers to note that the staff car park bays now have numbers and are allocated to members of staff. There should be no use of the car park by any parents or carers unless permission has been given by the school. If you have any concerns about the use of the staff car park, please direct them to the school in the first instance.

Thank you for your consideration in ensuring that you do not park along the front of the school, ensuring that this space is kept clear for safe crossing, but please do not park close to the corners or around the car park opposite the school as this causes a blockage, is unsafe for children and reduces access for the buses.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October will be a non uniform day when the children are invited to wear something bright as part of a road safety initiative for wearing bright colours as winter approaches and keeping safe when crossing or near roads. At 8.45am that morning there will also be a coffee morning and the chance for you to meet and talk with colleagues from the bus company, Graingers, the governors and me to share some of our conversations and any further developments. I hope many of you will find the time to join us and share in this important work with us.

Please remember that from Monday next week, 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be encouraging all cars to complete a clockwise circuit onto and off our Berewood development, and I look forward to hearing from you whether this is making access to the school easier.

I end this letter with our usual reminders about parking near the school, and thank you for your continued support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Sue Patrick Head teacher

## Parking Reminders and Requests- Berewood Primary School

Parents are respectfully asked to always park considerately of others and with the highest regard for our children's safety at all times.

## Please note that:

- the speed limit on the roads around Berewood Primary School is low, 10mph, due to the additional risks of having construction traffic close to the school
- parking close to school must follow the recognised road markings, including ensuring that the zig-zag markings are kept clear as these secure the safety of children and families as they cross the road
- parking is available on Houghton Road as well as Grainger Avenue
- cars should not be parked close to the corners or close to the entrance to the additional car park, as this restricts vision and safe manoeuvring of cars
- parents can drop off their children at any time between 8.30am and 8.45am in the morning
- afternoon pick up can be more congested, due to all classes ending at 3.30pm. However, if you are
  delayed your child will be brought to the school office and wait in the library area until they are
  collected. Contacting the school in advance if you are aware that this may happen is helpful, so that
  your child can be reassured
- parents should not park in the Staff Car Park without the expressed permission of the Head teacher. Permission letters will be issued with conditions to specific parents
- in line with practice at all local schools, PSCOs will occasionally monitor the parking around the school

The Governors and The University of Chichester Academy Trust have asked me to ensure that it is understood by all parents and carers that they should not access the Staff Car Park on foot or by car unless permission has been given by the Head teacher. The decision about the use of the Staff Car Park will not be limited to Blue Badge users, but permissions will only be given in very specific circumstances. Any concerns about the use of the Staff Car Park should be directed to the school and not the user, as this is a school decision.