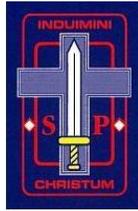


## Information Sheet

### Accessing school from Lyndale Road or South Entrance



We would like to inform parents and carers of best practice when using the Lyndale Road access to school.

Lyndale Road is a narrow road with only a few parking places - it is the only road access to the south entrance of school and the Church car park which means it is exceptionally congested during drop off and pick up times.

The adjoining road of Elm Tree Avenue is also very congested at school run times both with parking and rush hour traffic that uses the road as a cut through to Ember Lane.

There have been issues with inappropriate parking around the junctions of Elm Tree Avenue with Lyndale Road and also Woodside Avenue. This causes massive congestion as drivers cannot see when cars are approaching and also blocks the passing areas that keep traffic moving. We have also had complaints from residents who have had their access blocked by parked cars during school run times.

***More importantly there have been several near misses of children being hit by cars that are manoeuvring in the roads surrounding school.***

In order to effectively resolve these issues we have engaged in much observation and discussion and also taken advice from various departments in Surrey County Council and the Police.

**It is only if we work together as the school community that we will be able to effect change and manage the issues. This will make the school-run a safer and stress free part of the day for everyone involved.**

To that end we have some best practice requests and recommendations outlined here:

- **Please do not park across driveways or on the pavement.** This causes major problems with resident's access, congestion and sightlines of both drivers and pedestrians.
- **Please do not park opposite the junction of Lyndale Road.** The Highway Code states '**DO NOT** stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'. This area is also exceptionally close to traffic turning off Hampton Court Way often at speed.
- The above also applies to the junction of Elm Tree Avenue and Woodside Avenue which gets exceptionally congested. Leaving the area free of parked traffic will allow a passing place to keep traffic moving.
- **Please do not park across the designated crossing area** which is marked by "bubble paving" slabs. This is located across Elm Tree Avenue just before the junction with Lyndale Avenue.

We also recommend parking in some of the more distant roads from school which are much less congested and only take a few extra minutes to walk from. There are many benefits from walking a short distance to school including better fitness, better road safety awareness, better concentration in the classroom and greater sociability. The following roads are ideal to walk from:

- **Lime Tree Avenue** – approx walking time to school is 8 minutes.
- **Chestnut Avenue** – approx a 9 minute walk to school.
- **Ember Park Road** - approx a 12 minute walk to school.

- Scooting will considerably shorten walking times but please use safe and cautious practice when scooting on the pavements. We recommend the use of helmets when scooting.

Map showing school and surrounding roads.



# Park Smart

*help keep the school run safe & stress free*

Your support of these best practices is essential to keep our children safe.

Please ensure any grandparents, nannies, child minders or other carers who drop off or pick up your children are aware of the above information.

Thank you for reading this information sheet.

[St Paul's School Travel Team](#)

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