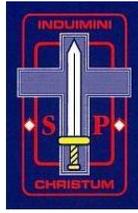


Information Sheet

Accessing school from Embercourt Road or North Entrance



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

This road is exceptionally busy and there are continuous issues with cars parking in unsafe and illegal places. This causes severe congestion, a danger to pedestrians and unnecessary friction with residents of the road.

In addition, the two school coaches that drop off and collect each school day cannot find suitable places to park. This has led to many altercations with residents of the road as the coach has no choice but to block the traffic flow and stop across driveways.

In order to effectively resolve these issues we have engaged in much observation and discussion. We have 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 ensure that the school-run is 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 on the school side of Embercourt Road.** This will ensure space is available for the two full size coaches that stop each day. In particular they need to stop outside house number 43. This area should never be parked on for school drop off or pick up.

- **Please do not park across driveways, on the pavement or on verges around junctions.** This is illegal and causes major problems with congestion and sightlines of both drivers and pedestrians.
- **We recommend you park at Imber Court car park** which we are authorised to use. It takes just 5 minutes to park and walk to school. Ember Lane can be appropriately crossed at the bollard crossing by Imber Court. We are working to get a lollipop patrol in place to make crossing the road safer.

Ideally we request you use Imber Court car park but further parking is also available in surrounding roads:

- **Ember Gardens** – this is a narrow road and cars should only use one side to park. Please do not park on the white chevrons at the junction or on verges and pavements. Please be mindful of resident's access.
- **Orchard Lane** is a 7 minute walk to school and we suggest you walk up to the bollard crossing to cross Ember Lane.
- **Broadfields** is an 8 minute walk to school. Please park appropriately.
- **Embercourt Road on the Thames Ditton side of the roundabout** on Hampton Court Way can also be parked on. There is a pelican crossing to allow safe crossing of Hampton Court Way. School can be accessed from both the Embercourt Road alleyway or by the gate in the hedge near Our Lady of Lourdes Church. It takes approx 10 minutes for this walk.
- Scooting will considerably shorten walking times but please ensure safe and cautious practice when children are scooting on the pavements. We recommend the use of helmets when scooting.

Below is a map of school and the surrounding roads to assist with identifying safe parking locations:



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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