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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.

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### Car Parking at Ad Astra Infant School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you all today regarding car parking at Ad Astra Infant School. As you will be aware, we have a very limited capacity for car parking on our school site. Much of this space is reserved for staff car parking as many of our staff work across TEACH Trust schools and so are coming back and forth on a regular basis throughout the school day. For the very few remaining spaces, we have many parents and carers who either need (or would like) to park in our car park when dropping off and picking up their children.

My very first priority is always safety. It is imperative that our children and families are able to access our school site safely. This includes being able to walk through our car park and always being able to ensure easy access to emergency service vehicles such as an ambulance or fire engine.

Since I became headteacher at Ad Astra Infant School, I have tried various things to ensure the safe use of our car park. I have left our gates open and unmanned; I have issued car parking permits to applicants based on need and appealed to parents and carers to only use the school car park if they have a permit and I have also closed the gates before drop off time and pick up times and our site team have manned them during drop off and pick up times allowing only permit holders to come in. Unfortunately, none of these measures have successfully ensured the safe use of our school car park.

Therefore, I have a new plan that I need to share with you. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, we will not have any Ad Astra Infant School permit holders. Our site team will continue to close the gates before drop off and pick up times and then man them during drop off and pick up time. As with our other three TEACH schools and the parking procedure for many public places, only cars displaying their blue disabled badge will be able to enter the school car park, as long as there is a space available.



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If you have, and are displaying, your blue disabled badge and there is no space in our school car park (NOT staff parking spaces) then you will be directed to drive through the car park and out through the exit gate to find parking elsewhere. You can, however, circulate around to try again, in the hope that someone else has moved on, if you wish. Should this process cause you to collect your child from school a couple of minutes late, then please do not worry as our staff will keep your child safe until you reach them.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already helped me to ensure that our school car park and site are safe for our children and families. Thank you also for bearing with me as I search for the best way to ensure this happens.

*Clare Tantrum*

Mrs Clare Tantrum  
Headteacher



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