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Dear Parents/Carer,



### Parking Safely

Many thanks to those parents/carers who continue to park responsibly each day ensuring that our Newchurch Family remain safe at the key points of transition between home and school. It is really appreciated.

We are sure that you have seen the challenges we face having such a small staff carpark. We have a number of families who have permission to drive into the school grounds each day for reasons that have been agreed with the school. These families have parking permits which we should be placed on their dashboard when entering the school carpark so that the person manning the gate is aware you have permission from the school to drive in.

Please be aware that these permits are distributed at the school's discretion. However, if the permit holder has someone with them who is able to walk the children to and from the school, please could we ask that you park outside the school grounds. This will alleviate some of the pressures of the staff carpark and also reduce risks. New permits will be sent home with the children today for those parent/carers who are permitted to enter the staff carpark.

The carpark is accessible to parents/carers of children being dropped off for Newchurch Robins until 8am and then we kindly ask that after this time, you park outside the school grounds. This is because we have a number of children who come to booster sessions in the morning and we need to keep them safe.

The staff are kindly offering after school extra-curricular clubs, but this is also posing a problem to the children's safety due to the number of parents/carers who are parking on the staff carpark at 4pm to collect their child from a club. Sometimes, we have up to 80 children exiting the school entrance at 4pm and therefore, moving cars pose a risk to the safety of the children. From 4:30pm onwards, parents/carers can park on the staff carpark when collecting the children from Newchurch Robins.



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Going forwards, the gates will be closed from 8am until 4pm. At drop off and collection, Mr Callis will be on the gate and will allow any cars displaying a permit onto the staff carpark. If you have someone in the car who is able to walk the children in, please do not be offended if we ask you to park outside the school grounds. After all, it is for the safety of our children.

When entering and leaving the school grounds after clubs, please do so via the pathway rather than cutting across the carpark.

Finally, we have had four incidents this year where a parents/carers has driven onto the staff carpark and not put their handbrake on resulting in their car rolling backwards. Thankfully, no one has been hurt on these occasions but an extra check of your handbrake would be appreciated.

### TTRockstars Day

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, it is NSPCC Number Day and traditionally we have TTRockstars Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as rock stars for the day. They can have painted hair, face paint, etc basically, anything goes!



Throughout the day, the classes will engage in lots of mathematical activities, including battles between classes and possibly 'Beat the Teacher' games.

If your child does not wish to dress up as a rock star, that is absolutely fine. Perhaps they could wear a badge or face paint a number on them. Just for fun!



### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Plans are underway for the first stages of our transformation of the school outdoor space and next week we have our grounds development meeting with OPAL. The aim is to enable the children to make more use of the whole outdoor space at all times of the year.

We are giving lots of consideration to this and would like to see if you would be willing to provide wellies as part of the school uniform to facilitate play at lunchtimes and save on muddy shoes every day. Please could you complete this googleform: <https://forms.gle/bPcNH9SyJR4C8Gju7> which basically asks you to say either 'yes' or 'no'.

With kindest regards,

*Jayne Narraway*

Headteacher



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