

Dear Parents,

Re: ALLOCATION OF NEW PARKING PERMITS.

As you are no doubt now aware the Local Authority have assigned 80 new parking permits for use by parents of the school and asked the school to distribute them. It was very important to us that the system adopted must be completely transparent and be completely equal for all parents who chose to apply. It must therefore not favour any one parent over another. We are very aware of the strong views held by parents on this subject and our members have talked at length to many parents to listen to their views. We have further very clearly communicated these views to the Local Authority.

Following consultation with the Local Authority (The Transport & Projects Team), a subcommittee of the Governing Body met and decided that it would be both most practical and fair to use distance from the parental home as the criteria.

Those parents who applied for a permit were arranged by walking distance from the parental home and 80 of those furthest away were allocated permits. 121 parents applied to join this scheme and their walking distances ranged from 0.6 miles up to 9.5 miles.

All parents who applied with a walking distance of 1.6 miles or more from the school were allocated a permit.

Glebe also has parents who already hold parking permits due to their children's disability or illness under other applicable parking schemes that are operated by the Local Authority.

Ideally, we would have liked to have been able to provide a permit for every single parent of the school who wanted one, but it was the decision of the Local Authority to allocate only 80 permits on an initial trial basis for this particular scheme.

We appreciate that there are many situations where parents face circumstances that are often very difficult for a variety of genuine reasons. Ideally, we would have liked to accommodate every parent, but ultimately, we decided that the directions of the Local Authority ought to be followed and that those children who live furthest away should get permits before those who were closer.

The school has worked diligently over a long period of time with various initiatives to try and improve road safety outside of the school and to help our parents to pick-up and drop-off children safely.

We understand that this is not by any means an ideal situation for those parents who were unable to get a permit. We hope that you will understand and appreciate how and why these initial permits were allocated.

It is the education of your children that remains our primary focus, but we are always committed to supporting parents as best we are able with ancillary support and services to ensure Glebe remains a school that we can all be very proud of.

The Governing Body Working Party