



Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Re: Parking

Last week, in my letter to parents, I briefly touched upon the parking issues we are currently facing in Bromfords Drive and surrounding off roads. The school works closely with our community to ensure that issues that may affect our local residents are discussed and resolved wherever possible in a considerate way.

I appreciate it can be very difficult to park near the school, we would ask parents to avoid parking within 10m of the junction and to try and ensure that you don't park across neighbours driveways. Should you have any dialogue with residents please let the school know as we are continuing to monitor the situation. We are also looking to open dialogue with the Bromfords school regarding parental drop off and pick up to work collaboratively to address the issues on Bromfords Close.

It is my belief that the wider infrastructure at Castledon needs addressing to allow sufficient space for staff, minibuses and parental drop off. We are engaging with Cllr Malcolm Buckley and Cllr Tony Ball (Member for Education Excellence, Skills and Training) as well as talking to Ralph Hollaway (Head of SEND Strategy and Innovation at Essex County Council) about addressing the wider infrastructure issues including parking and sufficient drop off points for parents. Currently Essex are undertaking a review of special school estates and we are optimistic that the deficiencies identified through their initial audit will be addressed long term to ensure that Castledon offers the best facilities to our young people.

In addition to the above we are looking at cycle stores and scooter storage being installed in the near future; items will be left at pupils and parents own risk and we would advise any bikes or scooters left are padlocked.

We would also advocate learners in key stage 4 and 5 consider travel training to look at travelling to school using local bus services. For further information please contact Andrew Bower in our Family Inclusion Team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

