



**Education Resources
Executive Director Tony McDaid
Woodpark Primary School
Head Teacher Mrs Debbie MacKenna**

21 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Car Park Closure from Tuesday 27 September 2022

I write to inform you that, in line with other local school establishments, regrettably the decision has been taken to close the car park to all but staff/visitors and blue badge holders, *effective from Tuesday 27th September 2022*.

Over the past few years letters and newsletters have highlighted incidents within the car park and stated that, should the situation not improve, the decision to close the car park may be taken.

However, at the end of last week there were two incidents, one involving damage to a staff member's car by a car parking towards the end of the day on Friday; also a near miss incident where a child narrowly avoided being hit by a car entering the car park. We regularly see pedestrians coming in/exiting via the car park gates. Not only do a large number of cars enter and exit at the start and end of the day but service vehicles such as refuse lorries and delivery vans regularly use this entrance.

I am aware of the impact of this decision, particularly for families with young nursery children. I want to let you know of this decision now to give you time to consider alternative arrangements for collecting/dropping off your children *from next week onwards*. I ask that you be considerate of our local community neighbours, for example ensuring driveway access is not blocked.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs D MacKenna
Head Teacher**



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