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LIVING STREETS WALK TO SCHOOL PROJECT PARK AND STRIDE

From Monday, the children in Years 1 to 6 will be recording the ways in which they travel to school. If they earn enough points, they will be awarded a different badge each month. One of the methods they can use to come to school is 'park and stride'. To achieve this, you need to park far enough away from school to be unable to see the school buildings. Then your child can 'stride' the rest of the way in. This has the following advantages:

1. It's healthier than parking next to school because your child gets a little more exercise as they stride in.
2. It reduces the number of vehicles vying for space outside school and therefore reduces the chances of an accident happening – our children are safer as a result.
3. It makes life easier for our neighbours because their streets aren't blocked by your cars.
4. It prevents there being an intense build-up of car exhaust fumes immediately outside school due to vehicles being more widely dispersed.

We hope that those of you who drive to school, be it once a week or every day, will support 'park and stride'. Attached to this letter is our new Parking Charter, which we would like you all to sign and return. That will mean you have entered into an agreement with us to do all that you can to make the roads around Cavendish safer for everyone's children. As a community we have to be prepared to take collective responsibility for this.

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTACHED CHARTER AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**CAVENDISH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS' AND CARERS' SAFER PARKING CHARTER**

I hereby agree to abide by the guidelines outlined within the Cavendish Safe Parking Charter. This charter has been developed to improve the safety of children and adults attending Cavendish Community Primary School and improve the quality of life for local residents. By signing up to this charter you agree to:

Drive safely within the school area, adhering to the speed limits and driving in accordance with traffic signals and the Highway Code.

Try when possible to **'park and stride'**.

Not stop or park on the yellow "School - Keep - Clear" and "zig-zag" markings during the times indicated on the yellow "No Stopping" signs outside the school (Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm).

Not park on any double yellow lines.

Avoid parking in a way that would block or cause an obstruction to the school entrance/exit, residents' driveways and/or junctions.

Not mount the pavement when stopping or parking, allowing pedestrians to be able to walk on pavements and space for prams/wheelchairs to pass.

Not attempt to use the staff car park as a pick up or drop off point for your children.

Park so that your child is able to leave the vehicle on the **pavement** side, away from any conflict with traffic.

Pay particular attention to the presence of other children at the side and rear of your vehicle when parking, dropping off or setting off.

Avoid double parking, so as not to adversely affect the flow of traffic or access for emergency vehicles.

Not park in any bus stops or any designated disabled/private parking bays.

Respect local residents and businesses by not parking in a way that blocks access to their homes or premises.

Forward any concerns regarding dangerous parking and road safety in the school environment to the Headteacher or a Governor, who can then take appropriate action.

Your child's name: _____ Class: _____

Your name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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