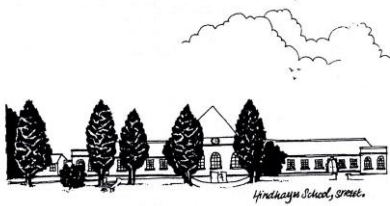


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Dear Parents

## **Access to the Victoria Club car park**

As you may be aware the Victoria Club have allowed use of their car park to parents, carers and staff of the School and Rainbows Nursery for many years. Over recent months though there have been a number of repeated issues and instances of poor and inconsiderate parking, which have meant that the Club, after giving notice, have taken the decision to close the car park.

The Victoria Club have been concerned on several fronts that someone will be hurt and where their staff have approached people regarding these instances, there have been occasions where the behaviour continues or they have experienced rudeness or aggression back. This is not acceptable.

Working with the Victoria Club and Rainbows, we are looking to work together with parents and carers so that the car park can be reopened from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January and we need your help please. Basically, we need *everyone* using the car park to park in designated bays only. If there isn't a space, please do not wait in the vehicle in the road, park in corners of the car park, sides of the road or any other area. If the car park is full please leave the site and find somewhere else to park. Please do so considering the lane leading to the club is 2-way traffic and that there are people walking along this road. Parking enforcement officers will be patrolling the area mornings and afternoons, so that the roads around the school are also kept safe for all.

Where the car park has been closed, we have had to allow some vehicles on the school grounds and this has meant less playground space for the children and difficulty for delivery vehicles who need to access the site. School staff have also spent considerable time on parking issues which is not best use of their time.

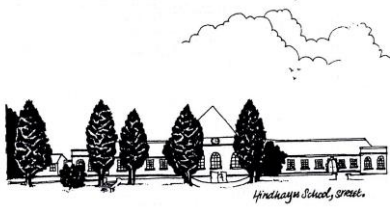
The Victoria Club staff are finding that they cannot continue to police the car park and that if there are further issues after Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, the car park will be closed until after 9am and from 2.30pm onwards and that this will then become a permanent change. This will be until they look to change how the car park is managed (likely to be from April 2020). None of us want this whether you are a parent, carer, visitor or staff, therefore if you feel able to challenge someone which may be causing a problem, please do so. At present, school staff are taking time out of their day to help manage this, which isn't sustainable.



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The Victoria Club have asked us though not to use the car park on Thursday afternoon's because the car park is used for bowls and bridge competitions, therefore, there is already little or no available spaces.

We would be grateful if anyone using the King Alfred Pub car park can be considerate also. We have had some feedback that some parents have let their children urinate in the car park. The Patron is happy for you to use the car park but obviously does not want this happening.

We want our school drop off and collection times to be accessible and safe for everyone and therefore are working with our local PSCO, Mendip District Council, the King Alfred Pub and the Victoria Club so that when the car park changes happen, we have options in place.

As a school we will continue to communicate to you via messages like this, text, email, Facebook and ParentApp about the car park.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding, it is appreciated.

Mike Sales  
Business Manager  
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