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Dear Parents and Carers

CAR PARKING AND INCREASED CAR PARK CHARGES AT WOODBOROUGH SOCIAL CLUB

With the start of a new school year in September we felt that it was a good time to review our parking policies, remind existing parents of those policies, and help new parents to understand how we aim to fit in with the local traffic and road safety limitations.

From time to time, we all experience frustration with the inability of country roads to cope with the ever-increasing volume of both domestic and commercial traffic. Over recent years at Woodborough CE Primary School, we have worked in partnership with Salisbury Diocese, Wiltshire Council, our Parish Council and the Woodborough Social Club, to find ways to relieve the traffic congestion in the vicinity of our school and to ensure the children are safe when arriving and leaving.

It is worth reflecting on the numerous, major successes and improvements that our partnership has achieved over the last few years;

- ❖ Use of the Woodborough Social Club Car Park for parent parking at drop-off and pick-up times – arguably the most important single element in addressing congestion
- ❖ A field path linking the Woodborough Social Club car park to the school gate
- ❖ A bus pull-in immediately in front of the school
- ❖ 20 mph Zone around the school
- ❖ Introduction of a Crossing Patrol Assistant at the beginning and end of the school day and High Vis vests for children
- ❖ On-going discussions with police
- ❖ Limiting the size of buses that bring children to and from school
- ❖ Talks with the NFU regarding the behaviour of agricultural contractors' large vehicles
- ❖ A new footway to be constructed in September 2019 on part of the road from the Smithy Lane crossroads through the village – the C261

In order to address the concerns of shared by both ourselves and our partners about traffic flow, congestion, inconsiderate parking and child safety, we kindly ask that parents and carers adhere to some etiquette at drop-off and pick-up times, such that we can make everyone's experiences more positive:

- In Smithy Lane, the layby adjacent to the Club (and owned by the Club) must NOT to be used for parking at drop-off and pick-times. It is the only part of Smithy Lane that is wide enough for two-way traffic and therefore, being able to pass here prevents traffic from backing up onto the main road.
- Parents parking on the road opposite Smithy Lane and into the village are asked to (a) not park across any entrances (pedestrian or vehicular) to residents' properties and (b) to not park within 10 metres of the Smithy Lane crossroads
- The bus pull-in in front of the school (and owned by the school) must NOT to be used for parent parking or drop off – the only exception being for Blue Badge holders
- Use of the Woodborough Club Car Park is restricted to families who have paid the annual fee and received a parking permit that must be displayed in the windscreen of the vehicle being used. This pass is transferable to any person/vehicle being used to transport a school pupil. The passes and payments are administered by the School Administration Office
- For the first time in nearly 20 years, the annual fee for using the Woodborough Club Car Park is being increased – from £10 to £30. This being done because the car park is heavily used and requires maintenance, the costs of which have increased steadily over the years, and without the use of this car park the general parking problem would be very much worse. We consider this fee represents good value.

The school is constantly striving to improve the experience of parents / carers / children at Woodborough School, and welcomes suggestions from all concerned to achieve and maintain safety and good practice. The Staff and Governors extend their thanks to all parents, both old and new, in helping us to maintain our key relationships and keep everyone safe and moving.

Yours sincerely



Dr T Atkins, Chair of Local Governing Body



Mrs Sarah Brewis, Headteacher