

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Dear Families,

As we settle into a new school year, I wanted to send a gentle reminder about parking and getting to and from school safely. First though, a massive thank you to all the families who consistently follow the arrangements we have in place to keep your children safe. If you follow the rules, I promise I notice and I will thank you for it — I always have.

Gulval is a busy and increasingly popular school. During my time we have grown from 107 pupils to 236 and, once again this year, were oversubscribed, with 41 first-choice applications for our 25 Reception places. Our pupils also continue to achieve very strongly, with every measure currently above national outcomes. We are incredibly proud of our children, our staff team and the wider school community. With a busy school, there are inevitably some challenges around the beginning and end of the school day. These are challenges faced by schools everywhere, and we will always do our very best to manage them thoughtfully and safely. We would really appreciate everyone's help with this.

A few gentle reminders about our car park:

 The car park closes at 3:05pm and reopens at 3:25pm. During this time, engines should be switched off and vehicles must remain in their spaces. Please wait until a member of staff has safely opened the car park before leaving.

 Please make use of the morning drop-off zone. A quick 'drop and go' helps your child develop independence and makes the start of the day easier for everyone.

 Please only use a disabled space if you are displaying your Blue Badge. These spaces are particularly important for families who need them.

 Please park in designated spaces and keep the cross-hatched areas clear. Please don't double park, as this can make it difficult for others to move safely.

 Please remember our 5mph speed limit. A little patience goes a long way — our children are everywhere!

 Please avoid blocking School Lane or the paths around the front of the car park. Keeping these areas clear helps everyone move safely.

Please also remember that the outdoor play equipment isn't available at the beginning or end of the school day. This is an important safeguarding measure.

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A little reminder for the village too. We know that school drop-off and collection inevitably make Gulval busier. If we can all try our very best to be considerate when parking around the village I would really appreciate it, particularly thinking about residents, pedestrians, access for emergency vehicles and other road users. Thank you in advance.

I can't control where vehicles park beyond our school gates, but I will continue to communicate with our families, remind gently where necessary and work with the relevant agencies to do everything I reasonably can so that your children remain safe.

Thank you for your continued support, for working with us and for helping us to keep our children, families and wider village community safe.

We are very lucky to be part of such a strong community school.

Thank you.

Mr Baker



Headteacher
(Part time traffic warden)

PS: Ruby Class are having THE best day... we are soO proud!



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