



Bexhill
Academy

Car Park Policy 2023-2024

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Access to Bexhill Academy Car Park

Like many schools across the country, we do not have sufficient space to offer safe drop off and collect facilities to every student being driven to school. Our student body has grown rapidly and we are oversubscribed. Our car park is designed to accommodate a limited number of users, and we have now reached full capacity.

In order to allow the safe entry/exit of our rapidly growing student body we introduced a 2nd pedestrian path and a dedicated cycle lane. This route is clearly marked and **extends onto the roadway** during student arrival departure times. Cars must neither cross onto this pathway when it is in use, nor obstruct this route at any time.

Vehicles that block any access routes present a hazard to the safety of our students and staff, and can prevent essential access by emergency vehicles.

A Bexhill Academy Car park pass may be requested in exceptional circumstances (e.g. students blue disabled badge holders) which will allow access to the site. Please contact the Academy to request a car park pass. Please ensure your pass is visible when entering the car park, and, when collecting a student, please do not arrive before 2.50 p.m. (unless agreement is in place for your child to leave school early) as we cannot accommodate vehicles 'waiting'.

An access barrier was installed in 2020 to complete our safety works, and restricts access to our car park throughout the school day. While we encourage students to use sustainable transport to and from school (and provide secure bicycle sheds for students who cycle), if you are dropping off or collecting a student please agree a suitable place outside the Academy grounds. A short walk for your child will allow you to avoid what can become a traffic gridlock closer to the school. Please do not use the car park entrance as a pick up/drop off or turn area as this will cause traffic issues and present a safety hazard to pedestrians and other vehicles. We would also ask that you consider our neighbours when parking/stopping near the school.

We apologise that we are unable to accommodate all vehicle access, but thank you for your assistance in keeping our children safe.