



Bexhill
Academy

CAR PARK POLICY

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Access to Bexhill Academy Car Park

We are faced with the same dilemma of schools across the country, in that we do not have sufficient space to offer safe drop off and collect facilities to students being driven to school. Our student body is growing rapidly, with over 100 additional students currently joining us each year. Our car park is only 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 have 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. student disabilities) 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 will be installed in 2020 to complete our safety works, and this will restrict 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.