



Dear parents,

The PRC has recently received a couple of questions and comments from parents about use of the car park and drop off arrangements at the school. In the spirit of good communication we thought we should remind everyone about a few basic rules:

- 1) Safety is of paramount importance to all of us and we, as the PRC, urge all parents to exercise extra caution and vigilance when dropping off or picking up children at the school.
- 2) Please do not stop or park in Sans Souci road or in front of the main entrance. There are several reasons for this
 - a. There is a general no stopping zone in the road
 - b. The road is also a designated route for ambulances from Milpark Hospital – any delays for the Paramedics caused by extra traffic can have serious consequences
 - c. The road is also used by parents of McAuley House kids as a drop-off zone. Let's not add to the congestion.
 - d. In any case it is also extremely awkward and time-consuming to perform a three-point turn in the road.
 - e. It's far easier to use our own dedicated car park and dropping off zone
- 3) In the DSJ car park the following should apply:
 - a. Common sense!
 - b. Please always follow the instructions or guidance of the car guards/security personnel
 - c. Please drive slowly and do not exceed the 5km per hour speed limit
 - d. Please be courteous and friendly to other drivers – no hooting, light flashing or other signs of impatience
 - e. Either pull into the drop off zone and make sure your kids walk through the gate
 - f. Or park and accompany your children to the gate
 - g. Pedestrians: when walking through the car park, please do not walk in front of or behind cars with their engines running – they may be about to pull away (either forwards or in reverse). Please stop and check the driver's intentions
 - h. In particular please do NOT walk in front of cars which are waiting in the drop off zone – they may be about to pull away at any moment and the driver is likely to be looking over his/her shoulder to check the way is clear.
 - i. Drivers – please do not pull away or reverse out of your parking spot without first CAREFULLY checking there are no parents or children in the way.
 - j. Please also remember that the school has many small children who will not always be visible at first glance or in the rear-view mirror.
- 4) The same rules of vigilance apply to parents using the Valley Road entrance. Please accompany your children across the road and make sure they enter the school safely

We hope these rules make sense and would be happy to receive any other constructive comments and suggestions from parents.

Your PRC