

SIMON BALLE ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE - CAR PARKING AND BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

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Simon Balle School values and recognises the uniqueness of each individual child and acknowledges their fundamental right to be educated to their full potential in a safe, secure and caring environment. We are totally committed to ensuring that safeguarding is seen as everyone's responsibility. As an all through school we are in a unique position and therefore are at the heart of our local community, as we work and educate children and their families, from infancy to young adulthood. Keeping all children safe drives all that we do; as we "create tomorrow's citizens today", we need our young people to trust the school, and understand not only how to keep themselves safe, but the importance of the safety of others. The values we teach of dignity and trust must be recognised as imperative and at the heart of any community if individuals are to feel safe and flourish. Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone who is on our site, who uses our systems or who works with our young people.

This policy refers to the Blue Badge scheme and Blue Badge holders. However, several points apply to all users of the car park.

This policy has been informed by the Department of Transport's 'Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and responsibilities in England'

- Simon Balle All-through School does not provide car parking for parents.
- A blue badge is intended to help the disabled to park close to school, either as a passenger or a driver.
- If parents of children with blue badges request to use the school's car park, it will be assumed they have a legitimate reason. If your child has a blue badge then a request for permission to access the school grounds must be made to the main school office.
- The blue badge is allocated to the holder and NOT the vehicle. It is for the holder's use and benefit only. The blue badge holder must not allow others to benefit from the scheme i.e. transporting other people/families.
- The school car park is private property. The use of the school's car park for both blue badge holders and the non-disabled is at the school's discretion.
- The school retains the right to deny access to any members of the public, particularly if there are any staff and/or student safeguarding issues or the users are misusing the concessions and privileges.
- Children with blue badges may enter and be collected from the school site in their parents'/carers' car when the barrier is closed.
- Blue badges must be displayed at all times.

This policy will be reviewed initially on a termly basis until the new system is embedded. Thereafter is will be reviewed annually.