



Future
Generation
Trust

Car Parking for Blue Badge
Holders

St John's Primary Academy

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2. Version control

Date	Version	Revision	Owner
28/03/2018	1.0	New Policy	Future Generation Trust Policy Team
28/06/18	2.0	Amendment to Policy	Future Generation Trust Policy Team
02/06/20	3.0	Amendment to Policy	St John's Primary Academy Senior Leadership Team
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3. Introduction

Schools have a duty to parents and carers with disabilities to let them have reasonable access to services related to the education of their child or children. This is to ensure that parents and carers with disabilities can be fully involved in their child's education.

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) covers many areas of everyday life, including education and access to goods and services. Generally, the provisions in the DDA to do with schools relate to pupils with disabilities. However, many services provided by a school do not relate directly to their education, but are considered 'a service to the public' and are covered by the DDA (part 3)

Schools should make 'reasonable adjustments' to procedures and policies to help people with disabilities. They must not refuse to provide a service, or provide a lesser service to a parent or carer with disabilities.

4. Policy Aims

Future Generation Trust aim to provide support for pupils, parents and carers with disabilities.

As far as is reasonably practicable, we aim to provide safe access and egress to and from the academy site for staff, pupils, members of the public and vehicles. For this reason, pedestrian and vehicular access routes at St John's Primary Academy are kept separate and are clearly marked.

To control access to the car park an automated barrier is in operation, with an intercom linked to the academy office.

Due to the limited size of the car park at the academy, it is necessary to restrict parking spaces for staff and official visitors. To this end, signage is in place at the entrance to the car park explaining that there is no access for the dropping off or collection of pupils and that parking is only for authorised visitors.

However, delivery vehicles and contractors providing a service to the academy will be allowed access to the car park. Any visitor parking on the academy car park must report to the academy office and sign in (and provide their car registration number).

With a view to improving accessibility to the academy for **pupils** with a Blue Badge, access to the car park will be allowed as detailed in section 5.

5. Car Parking for Blue Badge Holders

Parents and carers will only be allowed access to the academy car park if the Blue Badge has been issued in relation to the needs of a pupil. Therefore, the pupil must be the Blue Badge holder and not the driver. Due to the limited size of the car park only Blue Badge holders who meet the criteria above will be accommodated.

Vehicles will be granted access to the academy car park in line with the following conditions:

- The academy retains the right to deny access to the car park for any member of the public, particularly if there are safeguarding issues or the users are misusing the concessions and privileges.
- Anyone with a Blue Badge wishing to utilise the academy car park is asked to visit the academy office with their badge. The details will be recorded and the **pupil** will be added to the academy's list of approved users.
- Blue Badge holders must clearly display their badge in their front windscreen when on site. The academy will periodically survey the car park (at least once a term) to ensure that this condition is being complied with.
- Vehicles must not block areas of the site where access is required.
- Occupants of the vehicle must not be smoking, playing loud music or causing a nuisance to staff, pupils, parents or official visitors.
- Cars are parked at the owners risk.

6. Exceptional Circumstances

The academy reserves the right to allow access to the car park for parents, carers or pupils if the need can be justified. Any such requests should be forwarded in writing to the academy office. Such arrangements may only be granted by the Headteacher and are likely to only be for a time limited period.

Any such access to the academy car park may be withdrawn and is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

7. Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather, de-icing salt will be applied as soon as is reasonably practicable to pedestrian areas. Please note that academy car parks will not be cleared. However, pathways leading from car parks to building entrances will be cleared (if time allows) and treated with de-icing salt to maintain a clear pathway.

Vehicle-only entrances and roads will be the lowest priority for clearance and salting, unless they have steep slopes where cars could slide or get stuck.

If deemed unsafe by the Headteacher, areas of the academy may be closed and/or the car park closed to all but staff.

8. Monitoring and Review

The Local Governing Body has overall responsibility for this policy and for reviewing its effectiveness. Implementation and operational responsibility lies with the Headteacher, who must ensure that all staff are fully aware of its contents and trained accordingly.

This policy will be reviewed on a two-year cycle. However, it may be necessary to update the document earlier as a result of either an incident, a change in government legislation or in the event of any alterations being made to the academy car parks.

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Signed: Dr Rob Grinsted

Designation: Chair of Governors