

## Parking at School

The new school year has begun and has brought with it the customary parking problems in and around the school. Parking is a bigger issue this year as all our students are housed at Klimopzoom. However this does not necessarily have to lead to increased parking problems.

Let us work together and not give our direct neighbours, people living close to the school and indeed other parent's reasons to complain.

To satisfy everyone, please ensure that the following points are adhered to: -

To families living within walking distance of the school we would ask you to walk to school each day. This has the extra benefit of giving the children healthy exercise and they arrive fresh and awake to begin the day.

To families living within cycling distance from the school (7 to 10 kilometer) consider allowing your children cycle to school. If they are unable to cycle alone, consider accompanying them. This has the same benefits as walking, and also helps your child/children to learn the rules of the road. If this is practiced daily they will quickly become confident and capable road users. These skills help enormously as some of our senior students have activities which involve the use their bicycle e.g. swimming at De Does, gym lesson in the Zijlkwartier and attending the school gardens in De Bloemerd.

If however the car has to be used, please adhere to the following:-

The main street in the area, Klimopzoom/Kamperfoeliezoom, has a maximum speed of 30 km/u. All the other side streets in the area are designated as residential. This means that you can only park on the allotted parking spaces. If there are no parking spaces, then you cannot park, even if it is only for "a minute "

The residential area directly next to the school has very little parking and these are normally always full. This area also connects to the other side of the neighbourhood (this has some parking possibilities) which is used by many children and parents travelling to school on foot or by bicycle. If parents park on this street it makes the through- traffic area extremely narrow. Parents who cycle to school use this area to park their bicycles. Cars which are illegally parked or discover that there is no parking cause dangerous situations. There is no space to turn, and cars wishing to leave have to reverse onto the street, if pedestrians and cyclists arrive from different directions it can lead to extremely dangerous situations.

There is a Yellow Stripe on the footpath at the school entrance. This means that you cannot park here and indeed may not even stop to drop children off. Parking is not allowed on the footpath (not even two wheels).

There is plenty of parking in the area around the school; however it can be a little further away from the school entrance. We sincerely request you to use the designated parking spaces and help safety around our school. A map of the local area is located on the Notice Board in the school hall, containing all the parking possibilities.