

St. Paul's Parish Rooms Trust

(Registered Charity No. 309060)

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Dear Parent/Guardian

St Paul's Parish Room Trust wishes to explain why it requests that you **do not** use the Parish Rooms car park to drop off and/or pick up your children.

St Paul's Parish Room Trust is a separate entity from the Church and when the rooms were built they were put into an Educational Trust to benefit children of the parish, or those being educated in the parish, by offering grants for educational purposes. Many grants have been made in the past to pupils at The Holt - and will doubtless be so again.

To generate income for The Trust the Rooms are let. Our hirers not only pay for use of the Rooms but for use of the Car Park which should, therefore, be available to them without hindrance for the period of their booking. To the detriment of The Trust, we have lost hirers in the past due to congestion in the car park caused by children being dropped off/picked up there and we cannot afford for this to happen again as we work to build up our business after the lockdown.

The Rooms are available for hire from early morning, through the day and on to late evening. Obviously booking times vary from day to day but we do have two hirers who start before the commencement of the school day, both of whom have people coming and going from then onwards. In these circumstances unauthorised use of the car park creates a serious safety risk to both our hirers and their clientele, as well as to your own children.

Afternoon activities in the rooms are very popular with older people and the end of those activities tends to coincide with the end of the school day. Once again, there is a serious safety risk to young and old alike, with hirers trying to leave as unauthorised cars try to come in. There is also the problem of parking spaces being taken up by unauthorised users when those spaces should be available to the next hirer coming in to set up for their activity.

It is acknowledged that The Trust may appear unreasonable in not allowing the car park to be used when at times it is empty but there are the two reasons why we cannot allow it to be used by School parents one, that in doing so it is a major problem for those hiring the Rooms and the Car Park and two, that there are major safety concerns because the car park is not designed for quick drop offs and pick ups and because we are genuinely concerned about the number of times there have been near misses from cars swinging in off the Reading Road narrowly missing pupils and hall users crossing the car park.

The Trust respectfully requests that our car park is not used by parents to drop off or pick up their children for the reasons given and thanks you for your understanding.

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