

AFTER THE FANTASTIC PARKING SEEN WHEN THE ROAD WAS CLOSED LAST WEEK – THIS IS THE IDEAL TIME TO IMPROVE OUR PARKING!!!

TravelTelford



Parents' Parking Promise

Due to a small number of parents parking irresponsibly, with little regard for children's safety or respect for our neighbours, significant safety issues have arisen.

Parking too near to school or in areas which are not within the designated Park and Stride areas puts our children in danger. The designated Park and Stride areas for Newport Junior School are the **Stafford Street car park** (Waitrose/B&M), **Shuker Field** or **Royal British Legion** car parks. (Please see the map enclosed.)

As a school, we have already taken steps to help reduce these safety concerns. These include:

- achieving Bronze status in the Modeshift STARS initiative (a national schools award which recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting sustainable forms of travel);
- offering Bikeability courses to all Year 6 pupils;
- offering pedestrian training to lower school children;
- holding an annual 'Walk to School Week';
- conducting a school pupil travel survey.

Our **Parents' Parking Promise** is another initiative we are launching to help improve safety around the school gates, but without your help and co-operation we will not succeed.

We are asking you not to park on Avenue Road, Avenue Road South or St.Nicholas' Park. This will help avoid vehicle congestion in what is a very busy thoroughfare. It will also make it easier for those children who walk to school to cross these roads safely.

We are also asking you not to park in front of or opposite private driveways, or to park on the pavements because this causes obstructions to other road users and pedestrians.

We understand that a small number of parents or children with disabilities may need to park near to the school gates and we want to accommodate your needs. Please speak to me if this parking policy will adversely affect you in any way. Please remember that there are a number of disabled parking spaces available which you are welcome to use.

A number of children are already driven to the Stafford Street, Shuker Field or Royal British Legion **Park and Stride** areas and walk the last few hundred metres to school. Walking has various benefits:

- it helps keep children fit and healthy;
- it develops traffic awareness skills;
- it keeps the environment cleaner;
- it reduces the volume of traffic outside school at peak times.



Junior Road Safety Officers – Megan Lock and Sophie Woodman – in year 5 walked the route and it only takes 10 minutes on a slow walk! The girls will also be working alongside Mrs Gilbertson and Mr Stevens (School Governors) as well as myself to help make our school road safer. Over the next few months we will also be looking for some willing Yr 4 children to be the next generation of JRSOs.

Please help us by completing the tear-off slip below to receive your **Parents' Parking Promise** car sticker. By returning this you are agreeing to keep parked cars away from the school, to use the designated Park and Stride areas and you are showing your commitment to protecting all of the children who attend our school. In addition, you will be showing respect to our neighbours by parking considerately.

When you return this slip, the school will issue you with a car sticker which shows your commitment to the **Parents' Parking Promise**. I hope you will display your sticker with pride and that your example will encourage other parents to do the same.

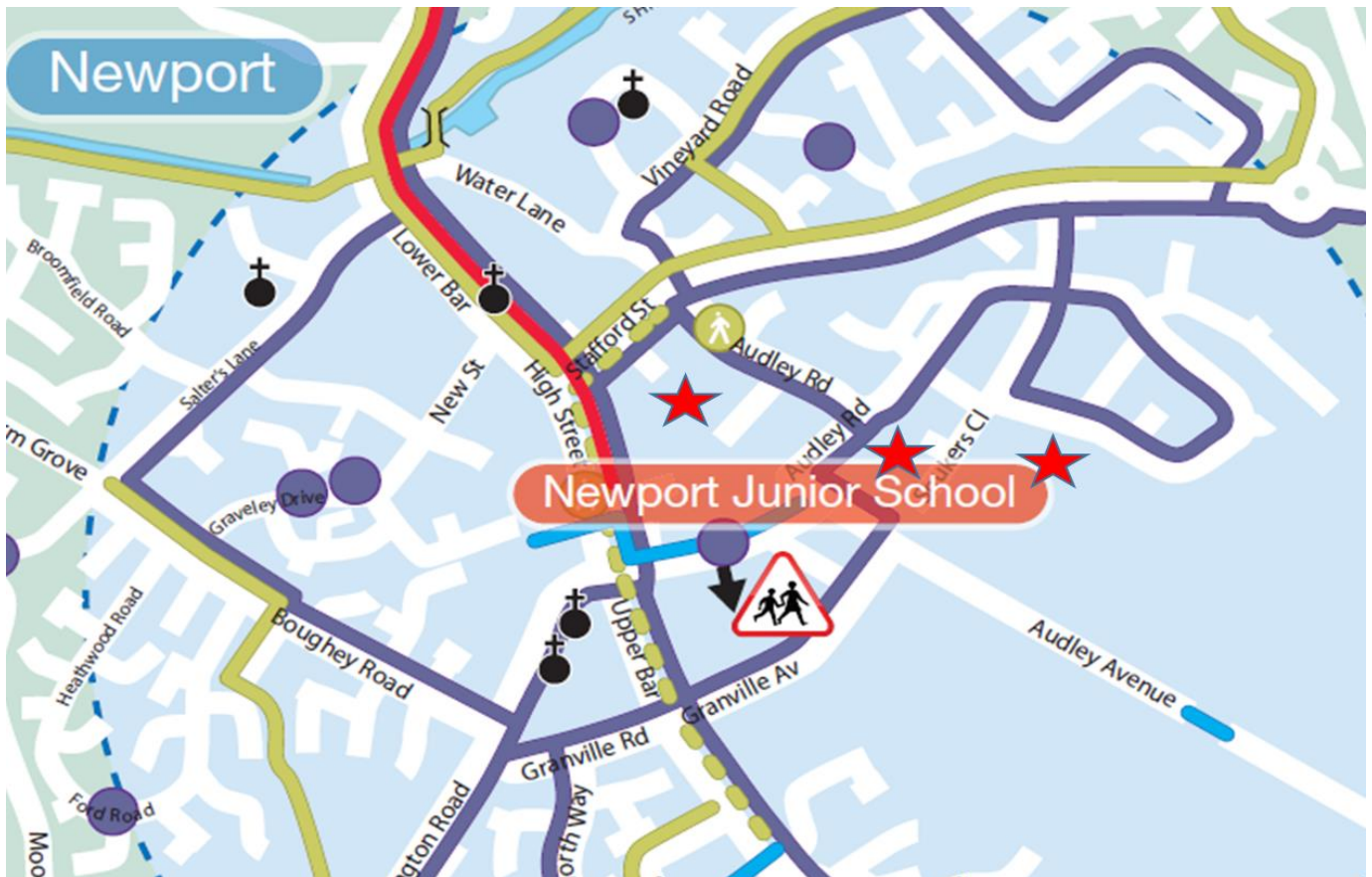
Thank you for your support and for committing to keeping our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ben Moody
SLT – Parents and the Community



Newport Junior School - Designated Park and Stride



Park and Stride



Newport Junior School



Newport Junior School – Parents' Parking Promise

- I will protect the safety of children at my school by being a considerate driver.
- I will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.
- I will use the Park and Stride areas at Stafford Street, Shuker Field or Royal British Legion car parks whenever possible.

Child's name: _____ Child's Class: _____

Parent(s)/Carer(s) Names _____

Signed: _____

