

## **Sixth Form driving to school**

Each year our Year 12 students attend the 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' event at Oxford and will explore these issues in their tutor groups. We are confident that parents/guardians of young drivers will reinforce rules about driving on icy, rural lanes and encourage many young drivers to accept lifts from more experienced drivers or continue to take the school bus on the cold dark days. There are clearly special skills required in driving on the roads around and within the school in the winter months. We recognise that use of a car is a privilege that carries with it important responsibilities.

Our policy on Sixth Formers driving to school, in the light of research on young peoples' driving, reflects four significant factors:

- Young men are more likely to have motor vehicle accidents than young women; young men who have had an accident are more likely to have a serious accident.
- The risk of accidents increases with the number of young people that are travelling in the same car. This may be because of the distraction of conversation or loud music, or because of "showing off". So, we will insist that student drivers do not give lifts to others, except siblings.
- The risk of accidents for young drivers reduces (as does the insurance premium) if an advanced driving course such as Pass Plus is taken.

**Sixth Form students wishing to drive to school must return the completed 'permission to drive' form at the bottom of this letter, for the named vehicle, to the Head of Sixth Form with a copy of each of the following:**

- A full driving licence in the student's name,
- A valid certificate of insurance for the relevant vehicle.

**Sixth Formers given permission to drive to and from school must agree to:**

- Use the vehicle only as a means of transport to and from school – not to make local excursions during the day.
- Arrive and leave the school at the normal times and park in the designated areas only, these are by the garages on Holly Drive or in the swimming pool car park.
- Drive slowly and respectfully on the school campus.
- Display a Parking Permit when parking on campus.

**Students given permission to drive to school must, under no circumstance, give lifts to other students. Exemptions to this rule can be made, for siblings for example, only on receipt of a written request from the parents of all involved, and once written permission has been given by the Head.**



Breaches of these rules will be treated severely and the permission to drive to school, and park a car on the school campus, is likely to be withdrawn. We have a duty to ensure the safety of our drivers and all those who use the school site.

We value your support in helping everyone to be safe.

In friendship

Rebecca Evans  
Head

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Please return this form to Helene Gentry, Sibford School, who will issue a Parking Permit once permission has been agreed.

- I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to drive to school
- Car/Vehicle make: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_
- Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_
- I attach a copy of a valid insurance certificate for this vehicle.
- I attach a copy of my child's driving licence.
- I attach valid breakdown/ recovery insurance details.

**Signed:** ..... (Parent/Guardian)

**Signed:** ..... (Student)

**Signed:** ..... (Head of Sixth Form)

**Date:** .....

**Tutor Group:** .....