

The school governors have worked hard to ensure that the school is fully accessible to anyone with mobility difficulties, including those who are wheelchair users. All buildings are accessible via ramps or lifts, and the main corridor running through the school has hand rails along most of its length.

The school also has 2 vehicle parking spaces for use by those who are blue badge holders visiting the school. It must, however, be emphasised that the disabled user must be visiting the school for a meeting or an event, or to collect a child who is not yet of an age when he/she can leave the school premises to locate a vehicle in the near vicinity of the school (eg The Victory Hall) or indeed to walk home. It is anticipated that the badge holder will require the space in order to leave their vehicle to enter the school or deliver / collect their young child, and not simply to remain within their vehicle. The blue badge holder is not permitted to use this space to permit an able bodied person to collect a child. The use of a disabled parking space is entirely at the discretion of the school and access to the carpark may be refused where a disabled parking space is not used in accordance with these guidelines.

The barrier at the entrance to the carpark is coded and disabled users will need to alert the office staff to raise the barrier. The barrier at the exit will typically be triggered to open when a vehicle approaches it from within the carpark*, unless it is at a time when children will be leaving the school and crossing in front of the barrier. Children will always have priority and vehicles in the car park are expected to wait until it is safe for them to leave. At these times (e.g. from 3.00 – 3.30 pm) disabled drivers are asked to be patient, in the interests of safety, until such time as a member of the office staff is free to trigger the opening of the barrier *and* it is safe to do so.

It is important that all those who visit the school, for whatever reason, and whether able bodied or not, understand how the 2 disabled parking spaces are used and see the use of them as fair to everyone. Please remember that the safety of the children takes precedence over everything.

* the exit barrier will only be triggered to open by movement of a vehicle approaching it, or by a member of staff from the office triggering the barrier to open manually. Waiting directly in front of the exit barrier will not open the barrier.