



Shalfleet Church of England Primary School

Together for a Brighter Future

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and support whilst we trialled the revised drop-off and pick-up arrangements at Shalfleet CE Primary School. We have carefully considered the feedback received from our school community and, together with the Governing Body, have agreed the arrangements outlined below.

The Way Forward: Updated Drop-Off and Pick-Up Arrangements

Following the completion of recent drainage works and a review of the trial period, the following arrangements will be implemented from **Monday 28 September 2026**.

School Driveway Access

- The school driveway loop will reopen for vehicles.
- Drivers may enter the school site, proceed around the loop and exit safely.
- Designated disabled parking bays will remain available for Blue Badge holders.

Recommended Traffic Flow

To help reduce congestion and keep traffic moving safely, we strongly encourage all drivers to:

- Approach the school one way (from the Wellow direction) via **Station Road**.
- Turn **left when exiting** the school driveway.

This will help minimise delays and prevent traffic backing up onto Station Road and the main road.

Gate Opening Times

To avoid early queuing on surrounding roads, the gates will remain closed until the following times:

- **Morning drop-off:** Gates open at **8:10am**
- **Afternoon collection:** Gates open at **2:50pm**

Any families, local authority transport providers or visitors arriving before these times should wait in the Bottle Bank car park until the gates are opened.

Preschool Drop-Off and Pick-Up

To ensure the safety of all children and maintain smooth traffic flow during the busiest periods of the day:

School-site parking is not permitted for preschool drop-off and pick-up during the following times:

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- Morning: **8:00am to 8:35am**
- Afternoon: **2:50pm to 3:15pm**

Parents and carers should use the Bottle Bank car park and walk the short distance to the preschool entrance.

Safety Expectations

To keep everyone safe, drivers must not:

- Perform U-turns near the school entrance.
- Stop to drop children off on the opposite side of the drive.
- Park on zig-zag lines or in any location that obstructs visibility or traffic flow.

What We Are Trying to Achieve

These arrangements are intended to:

1. **Keep children safe** by reducing opportunities for accidents and unsafe pedestrian movements.
2. **Reduce congestion** on the main road and surrounding lanes.
3. **Maintain accessibility** for disabled users and preschool families.
4. **Support positive relationships** between parents and carers, staff, local residents and the wider community.

Why These Arrangements Are Necessary

As our school community has grown to support **168 primary pupils and 30 preschool pupils**, managing drop-off and pick-up safely has become increasingly important.

For several years, the school has worked alongside local residents, the Parish Council and road-safety representatives to address concerns regarding traffic congestion and road safety around the school.

Over time, a number of approaches have been trialled, including extended drop-off and collection periods. The school also successfully supported the campaign for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety for families crossing the road.

Our local PCSO has recently confirmed that the school is doing all it reasonably can during these short drop-off and collection windows. However, maintaining safety relies upon everyone using the area responsibly, following road rules and being mindful of other pedestrians and road users.

The Parish Council has also supported the school through a lease agreement allowing continued use of the Bottle Bank car park. We are grateful for this ongoing arrangement, which provides additional parking capacity for families, visitors and staff.

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Some parents and carers suggested the potential development of the field opposite the school as a dedicated car park. This option was explored as part of a previous planning application. Unfortunately, the proposal was not approved and any future development remains uncertain. It is also worth noting that the estimated cost of creating a new car park would be around £100,000.

Whilst responsibility for ensuring children travel safely to and from school rests with parents and carers, the school remains committed to supporting safe arrival and departure arrangements. Staff continue to assist with traffic management and site supervision each day because the safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority.

A Shared Community Effort

We ask all parents and carers to continue showing patience, courtesy and consideration towards staff, fellow road users and local residents as these arrangements become established.

Work is also scheduled to cut back overgrown hedges around the Bottle Bank car park to maximise the available space. If any parents or carers are willing to volunteer some time to assist with trimming and clearing this area, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all members of our school community.

Kind regards,

The Leadership Team & Governing Body
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