



Driving to School Policy 2025/26

John the Baptist Community School

Procedures for Sixth-Year Students Driving to School

This policy outlines the procedures for Sixth-Year students who wish to park a vehicle on school grounds. Over recent years, there has been a significant increase in the number of students driving to school, which presents new challenges regarding health and safety for the entire school community.

Additionally, the high volume of traffic at drop-off and collection times, including parents/guardians, staff, and school buses, makes it necessary to implement clear guidelines for student parking. With approximately 1000 individuals departing simultaneously, these procedures are essential to ensure safety and efficiency.

It is a privilege for students to drive to school and have access to the parking facilities and the following guidelines must be strictly adhered to:

1. Eligibility

- Parking on school grounds is a privilege reserved exclusively for Sixth-Year students with a full license.
- No other students are permitted to park on school property.

2. Parking Regulations

- All students who drive, or begin driving, to school, must complete a form with Ms. O'Donnell. This is to ensure that we have an up-to-date data base of student drivers.
- Sixth-Year students must park in the designated student parking area. This will be marked by signage and coloured kerbs.
- If there is no available student car space, students are advised to park in the church car park.
- Students may not use staff parking spaces.
- Vehicles must be parked before 8:45 AM on any school day.
- Student vehicles may not be parked in the bus bay and in the parking area in front of or behind the school.
- Students must exercise caution and courtesy while parking, ensuring the safety of pedestrians and other motorists.

3. Access Restrictions

- Students are not permitted to access their vehicles during the school day, including morning break, lunch, or between the end of the school day and the start of evening study, unless they have received explicit permission from school management.

4. Passenger Restrictions

- Sixth-Year students are not permitted to transport other students to or from school unless an email is sent to info@johnthebaptistes.ie by a parent/guardian of all involved. This is due to significant safety concerns and potential legal consequences in the event of an accident.

5. Additional Safety Measures

- All vehicles are parked on school grounds at the owner's risk.
- All drivers must adhere to safety precautions when driving in and out of the car park.

6. Consequences for non-compliance

- Failure to adhere to these regulations will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's Code of Behaviour.
- Violations may lead to restrictions, suspension, or permanent revocation of parking privileges on school grounds.

These procedures have been established to prioritise the safety of all students, staff, and visitors. The increase in student drivers necessitates responsible measures to minimise potential risks. We appreciate your cooperation in implementing these policies and trust that you understand the importance of these safety protocols.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Principal