

Note for rowing parents

Dear Parents

Please may I remind you that whilst the School has right of access across the Boathouse Pub car park, the school does not own any part of the car park land. The manager of the pub has very kindly marked out three spaces in the car park for King's School staff to use and has also consented for sixth formers who row to park their cars in the car park during coaching sessions (but not outside of these hours). The school will be providing the sixth form rowers, who have their own car, a permit badge to identify them for the pub manager, as well as providing the manager with the relevant registration numbers.

Whilst it is fantastic to see the increase in the rowing club numbers, the pressure on the Boathouse car park with parents dropping off and picking up has become excessive and is causing problems for Boathouse customer use. We, as a school community, need to be careful not to abuse the goodwill already extended to us.

For that reason, please may I ask parents not to drop off, pick up or park in the Boathouse car park itself unless parents are intending to use the pub to purchase a drink or a meal. To assist with drop offs; the school is now running a bus from school for students with sessions after school during the week. For pick ups: those parents travelling into Chester from the school side may find it easiest to use the suspension bridge in Queen's Park as the easiest place to meet your child; those parents wishing to meet their child nearer to boathouse, please use the area near the Blue Moon café or the road area near the back entrance to the King's School boathouse – the gates will be open here in future during practice sessions and allow easy access for students to and from the boathouse. The rowing coaches will also be making an increased effort to ensure practices finish on time to reduce the waiting time for parents.

If you have any queries over the practicalities of these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me. May I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.