



## CLAYESMORE

### CLAYESMORE SCHOOL - STUDENT CAR USE POLICY

Responsible: Assistant Head (Sixth Form)

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#### INTRODUCTION

Driving a car is a serious business:

- one in five drivers involved in a serious road traffic collision are under the age of 25,
- around half of all accidental deaths of children are due to road traffic collisions,
- an alarming one in five of drivers crash in their first year of driving,
- young drivers are *five times* more likely to crash with young passengers in their car than when driving alone or with a parent or carer.

More information about the dangers to young drivers and their passengers can be found here:

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/young-drivers>

With regard to carrying passengers, this further piece reported in the press is interesting: "Compared to driving with no passengers, a 16 or 17 year-old driver's risk of death per mile driven increases 44 percent when carrying one passenger younger than 21 (and no older passengers), according to a study by AAA's safety foundation. The risk (of death) is double when carrying two passengers younger than 21, and quadruples when carrying three or more passengers that age."

Taking all the above into account the following rules apply to students interested in driving to and from school.

#### DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students may drive their car to school only when they have completed all the necessary paperwork - see below.

With parental consent, a student may carry a sibling to school. With the consent of both sets of parents and the Assistant Head (Sixth Form) a student may carry **ONE** passenger to and from school. This can be a different passenger on different occasions but only one non-sibling passenger at one time.

If you wish to use your car for any other reasons than driving to and from school you need to seek permission from the Assistant Head (Sixth Form) or the Senior Deputy each time. Permission will only be granted for exceptional reasons.

#### OTHER RULES

Students are not permitted:

1. To use their car for any reason other than travel to and from school at a time permitted by the school rules.
2. To park their car during term time in the village of Iwerne Minster.
3. To carry any passengers except as detailed above.
4. To collect or drop other students within walking distance of the school.

## **GETTING A DRIVING PERMIT - INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

### **A. BEFORE driving to school for the first time**

You must:

1. Supply a copy of your current certificate of motor insurance
2. Supply a copy of your driving licence
3. Complete the application for a permit – with all sections signed - see below.
4. Meet with and have the form signed by the Assistant Head (Sixth Form).

If you drive to school before ALL FOUR of these conditions are met you will be subject to an automatic ban of four term-time weeks.

### **B. DRIVING AT SCHOOL**

On campus, you may drive only to and from the Astro car park using the northern entrance and the main drive. You are not permitted to drive anywhere else on campus. Students are never permitted to drive past the Jubilee Building nor to use the Sports Centre car park.

**SPEED:** You must always observe the speed limit on campus which is 15 m.p.h, and must always drive safely.

**PARKING:** All day pupils and boarders in G, K, M and W must park at the Astro Car Park and nowhere else. Subject to the Housemaster's consent, Devine boarders may park at Devine.

**LUGGAGE:** after an exeat or other holiday, when returning to school, you may drop luggage at your house and then, as soon as possible, take your car to the Astro car park. When leaving school for a holiday, you may collect luggage from your house 30+ minutes after the end of term time published on Daily Notice. This is to avoid adding to the congestion outside the boarding houses.

**KEYS:** if asked to do so you must deposit your vehicle keys, including duplicates, with your House Staff.

If you break any of these rules you will be subject to an automatic ban of two term-time weeks on bringing your car to school. Each subsequent breach of these rules will lead to a longer ban and might lead to a revoking of all permission to drive to school.

### **C. PASSENGERS**

With parental consent, you may carry a sibling to school.

With the consent of both sets of parents and the Assistant Head (Sixth Form) you may carry ONE non-sibling passenger to and from school. If permissions are in place, this can be a different passenger on different occasions.

If you carry more than one passenger, or passengers not on your permit, or drop or collect passengers within walking distance of the school you will be subject to an automatic ban of 4 term-time weeks on bringing your car to school.

The safety of other students is too important for us to be able to countenance a repeated breach of this rule. Therefore any second breach of the rule on carrying passengers will be regarded as a serious disciplinary offence and will lead to a period of suspension from school - probably 3 days but this might vary depending on circumstances. You may not be permitted to bring your car to school again.

If you would like to apply to carry a passenger please include their name on the form below. The school will then contact your parents and their parents to confirm everyone is OK with it. Please be aware that this will take a day or two.

## APPENDIX 1 - APPLICATION for a CLAYESMORE STUDENT DRIVING PERMIT

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Your House: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CAR - Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of passing test: \_\_\_\_\_ Has the licence any points on it? \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. STUDENT DECLARATION.

I apply for permission to drive between home and school.

In exceptional circumstances permission may be granted for other uses but you will need to speak to the Senior Deputy each time these arise. Please understand that exceptional means very rare!

I would also like to apply for permission to carry the following other students in my car to and from school.

Passenger's name - only one passenger at any one time.		Frequency: daily, most weekends, occasionally.	School use (initial & date)
1.			
2.			
3.			

I confirm:

- ☐ I have read, understood and agree to the rules listed above
- ☐ I will inform Mrs Lockwood if any of the details about my vehicle change.
- ☐ I will inform Mrs Lockwood if I am involved in any accident or if I receive any points on my licence.
- ☐ I understand that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss of or damage to the vehicle, other than that caused by any negligence of the school or the school's employees.
- ☐ I understand that if I do not adhere to any of the rules relating to car use the school may suspend or revoke my driving permit at any time without giving me any notice.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. PARENTAL DECLARATION – tick all that apply

- ☐ I am the parent/ guardian of the student named above.
- ☐ I have read, understood and agree to support the school's rules relating to car use – see above.
- ☐ I have discussed these rules in full with the student.
- ☐ I understand that if the student does not follow these rules the school may suspend or withdraw the Student Driving Permit.
- ☐ I agree to be responsible for ensuring that the vehicle identified above complies with all legal requirements for road use including where applicable Road Fund Licence, MOT & insurance.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Assistant Head (6F) PERMISSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

School use only: 1:1 conversation / documents checked / passenger permission confirmed with all parents / signed by: student, parent, HRBH.