

## Parking and Dropping Off and Bikes and Scooters



**We realise that most parents act responsibly most of the time, but we just ask for everyone to be as considerate and act as safely as possible at all times. Could you please inform ALL family / friends who are collecting or dropping off your child/ren of this safety policy. Thank you.**

Please follow these guidelines to minimise the accident risk to children attending Ryecroft:

- The car park is strictly for staff of Ryecroft CE Middle and Dove CE Academy, disabled visitors and school buses **only**.
- Please **do not** park in, or near the entrance to the staff car park and adhere to the markings on the road at the school entrance. Parents should only be using this car park when collecting their child from an after-school activity.
- Please **do not** use the staff car park entrance as a turning area. This practice has caused obstruction in the past, particularly for the school buses and poses dangers to pedestrians. It is often impossible to see a child near your car when reversing, because of both the small stature of the child and blind spots caused by the car's structure.
- Please **do not** park for longer than is essential.
- Consider sharing the "school run" with other parents, to reduce the number of vehicles used.
- Consider walking to school if it is an acceptable distance as your child needs this experience to be a safer pedestrian. Many children arrive at middle school lacking pedestrian skills and are, therefore, at risk.

### BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We have had several concerned parents informing us that some Ryecroft pupils are riding their bikes and scooters dangerously, both to and from school and on the school grounds. Please make sure your child follows these road safety guidelines to minimise the accident risk to all children attending Ryecroft.

- Please ensure your child **always** wears a properly fitted helmet.
- Please ask your child **NOT** to ride their bike or scooter on the carpark and to be considerate to others while riding it.
- Make sure your child stays safe and not to curb hop in front of other road users. It is very dangerous for both your child and road users.