



Marine Park First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

In conjunction with Go Smarter (North Tyneside Council's sustainable travel programme for schools), we have established two sites where Marine Park parents (that drive their children to school) can park on a morning before walking the last part of the journey to the school gate with their child. We hope that this will have several positive effects, including reducing congestion and pollution outside the school and getting a little exercise to start the day.

Both 'Park and Stride' sites are shown on the map below.



The **Spanish City car park*** (darker section on the map) is free to use until 10:00.

As an initial trial, we have also negotiated for the **Bournemouth Gardens car park*** (lighter section on the map) to be available until 9.30 a.m. each weekday morning. Although the charging tariff officially commences in this car park at 9.00 a.m., the Parking Control Department will not issue any parking fines for non-payment of the parking charge until 9.30 a.m. on weekdays. The trial arrangement for the Bournemouth Gardens car park will operate until the end of this school year, with the possibility of being made permanent if we can demonstrate that it is being well used.

Over the half term holiday, the children will be asked to design 'permits' to use for this scheme, but both car parks can be used with immediate effect (even without permits). We are planning an extra "Walk to School" week during week commencing 18th March (as well as the one we always do in June) and a mass walk to school event on Monday the 18th March. We are hoping lots of pupils and parents meet us at the skate park at 8.30 a.m. to walk to school and take part in a quiz as we walk.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Easton
Headteacher

**In both cases, all cars must still be parked correctly within a bay, and in the event of the car park being full at that time you must find a parking space elsewhere. All vehicles and contents will be left at owners' risk.*