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POILEASaidH PARCAIDH SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG

INTRODUCTION

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig has a generous level of car parking around most of its buildings and for the majority of the time this is adequate to cope with all the parking demand. With the increased number of students with cars, pressure on the available spaces has increased and a clear policy is required to ensure all members of the College fully understand parking restrictions.

SCOPE

This document states the College car parking policy as applies to its various buildings at Àrainn Ostaig, Àrainn Chaluim Chille and Fàs. The policy applies to all road users including motorists, motor-cyclists and cyclists and all road users must comply with the current Road Traffic Act whilst on College owned land. All College students, staff and visitors are required to comply with the College's regulations of which the College car parking policy forms part.

As of June 2023, the number, type and location of public car parking spaces operated by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig are as follows:

Àrainn Ostaig	37 spaces plus 2 spaces for persons registered disabled
Ionad Iain Nobail	40 spaces plus 2 spaces for persons registered disabled
Àrainn Chaluim Chille	77 spaces plus 5 spaces for persons registered disabled
Fàs	24 spaces plus 1 space for persons registered disabled
TOTAL	178 spaces plus 10 spaces for persons registered disabled

POLICY STATEMENT

The College does not guarantee parking facilities to any of its students, staff or visitors to the College unless they are driving a College-owned or College-leased vehicle. All spaces are on a first come first served basis.

It is not possible to provide car parking immediately outside the main entrances to each College building for as many students and staff as may desire it. **The College requests that all users of its parking spaces act with courtesy and consider whenever possible using the parking spaces located away from its buildings thereby leaving the spaces nearest the main entrances to others who may have a greater need.**

Examples include the following:

- consideration of the 10 car parking spaces between Àrainn Chaluim Chille and An Tùr for use by resident students and staff with challenges of health and/or mobility but who may not be registered disabled;

- consideration of the 5 car parking spaces at the base of An Tùr which are not permitted for general student or staff use but are reserved for the College minibus, car and van accessing the workshop and for frequent daily deliveries of catering and general products.

Users of the College car parking spaces and surrounding access roads do so at their own risk and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig cannot accept liability for accident, loss or damage to the vehicle (or to the contents of the vehicle) howsoever caused. Granting of permission to park on land owned by the College does not constitute any admission of liability.

Bicycles may be parked free of charge, you **must** park in any of the 2 cycle shelters provided at each of Àrainn Ostaig, Àrainn Chaluim Chille and Fàs. The College reserves the right to chain or remove motor-cycles or bicycles parked in breach of these requirements.

Bicycles are not to be brought into buildings under any circumstances.

RESIDENTS (STUDENTS AND VISITORS)

All resident students and visitors will be made aware of the College's parking policy at either the time of course registration for students or sign-in at reception for visitors and a record will be kept of the vehicle registration number against each student or visitor's name. All vehicles parked on College ground must be road legal at all times and proof of vehicle registration, current MOT certificate and Certificate of Insurance may be requested as a condition of the College granting its permission to park on its premises. Any resident student changing their vehicle during their stay in College accommodation should inform the College's Hospitality Manager so that their vehicle details can be updated.

PARKING FOR PERSONS REGISTERED DISABLED

The College provides five parking spaces marked disabled only. These are located as itemised above at each of Àrainn Ostaig, Àrainn Chaluim Chille and Fàs. These may only be used by persons who are registered with the local authority as disabled and are blue badge holders. Temporary permission may be given at the discretion of the Hospitality Manager to allow students, staff or visitors to the College to use disabled only parking spaces for short-term medical conditions.

RESTRICTED PARKING

No student (resident or otherwise), member of staff or visitor is permitted to park in spaces marked for persons with a disability (unless displaying a blue badge), on double yellow lines, on grass verges, in spaces marked reserved, double parked across other parked cars or any other area that may prove to be a hazard or is considered to be a hazard by the Facilities Manager.

WARNING STICKERS

It is the responsibility of the College's Hospitality department to enforce this parking policy and the Estates Manager will record details of any failure to comply including the outcome of any correspondence with the student, staff member or visitor involved. Instances of a repeated failure to comply will be reported by the Hospitality Manager to the College's Senior Management Team and disciplinary action will be considered according to the Acceptable Behaviour Policy in the case of students resident in College accommodation or the College's Contract of Employment (including those of its tenant companies) in the case of staff.

SAFETY

Please drive slowly (10mph maximum) and safely around the college site at all times.

It is recommended by the HSE that you reverse park into the parking areas.