

Student information: Car Parking Policy 2026-27

In Cambridge it is often quicker to travel locally by bicycle or public transport, than by car. We encourage this at Ridley, as part of our continued collective efforts to promote sustainable ways of travel. Alongside this, our car park space is limited and so this policy and our permit system have been developed to ensure that we balance the varying needs of those studying, living, visiting and working at Ridley Hall. Parking is available to permit holders only on a first come first served basis, there is no guarantee of a parking space even if you have been allocated a permit and should the car park be full when you arrive we are not responsible for any parking costs incurred should you need to use on street parking or other local car parks.

Parking at Ridley is managed by the Reception Manager, Helena Keeble-Wright using this policy. Permits will be allocated according to need and availability of spaces.

Students should not arrive at Ridley and expect a parking space other than to set down and deliver luggage, unless they have been issued with a valid parking permit. Details of who may apply for a permit are below.

If you have a medical or accessibility reason for needing to park please apply in writing to the Reception Manager attaching appropriate supporting documentation.

Regretfully, we will not be able to issue permits to all applicants.

At all times, only cars with a Ridley Hall permit may park in the car park.

Who may apply for a permit –

Full time students – living on site at Ridley in term-time are entitled to apply for a permit which will enable them to park on site.

Monday to Friday weekly commuters – Those students who are resident only part of the week and are commuting are expected wherever possible to use public transport from their place of residence to Ridley. If they live in an area without reasonable access to public transport they are entitled to apply for a parking permit which will enable them to park on site at Ridley on the days they are resident on site. Permits do not apply at other times.

Full-time students who live off site - Those students who live off site and are commuting are expected wherever possible to use public transport from their place of residence to Ridley. If they live in an area without reasonable access to public transport they are entitled to apply for a parking permit which will enable them to park on site at Ridley on the days they are on site. Permits do not apply at other times.

Part-time Pathway and Block week students (including Independent & PG students) –

Those students who are resident only part time or during block weeks who are commuting are expected wherever possible to use public transport from their place of residence to Ridley. If they live in an area without reasonable access to public transport they are entitled to apply for a parking permit which will enable them to park on site at Ridley on the days they are resident on site. Permits do not apply at other times.

Non-resident Ordinands -

Neither full time nor part time non-resident Ordinands are entitled to a free parking permit unless they do not have access to public transport from their place of residence or are applying on medical or accessibility grounds.

Regrettably permits are not guaranteed and will depend on spaces available.

Spouses –

Limited car parking spaces may be available in the **back car park only** for spouses to use, on term time Thursday's only (SPICE day). These are available from 10am and on a first come first served basis. Should these fill up it will be necessary to use pay and display on street parking spaces or local car parks.

If you have a medical / accessibility reason for needing to park please apply in writing providing supporting document for a parking permit to Helena Keeble-Wright (HK414@cam.ac.uk) in reception.

Permits are issued for the use of the permit holder only, this does not include spouse or partner use. If you are expecting a visitor or guest who requires parking a space should be booked in advance and normal payment fees for visitors will apply.

[Apply for your permit here](#)