**Campus Parking Policy Statement**

Social distancing and planning for the return to campus mean that we need to consider how to manage parking effectively once teaching begins again in September.  In arriving at this statement we are balancing a number of conflicting issues.  Public transport is considered higher risk than travelling in your own vehicle and we recognise the need to make parking available.  However we have only a limited number of spaces physically available which means that we still need to place some restrictions, therefore **we intend this policy to run until the Christmas closure period.**  We commit to giving you as much notice as possible should the policy have to change sooner and about arrangements after Christmas.

***Staff Parking Arrangements***

Existing SOCJ arrangements for staff will remain suspended. There will be no charges for car parking and all staff will be able to access University car parks. This approach does run the risk that at busy times we may run out of spaces.  If this becomes a regular occurrence then we will need to start to reintroduce some limits but we will maintain access for all staff as long as possible.  We will also have to reintroduce controls if disabled parking and other priority parking is not respected.

***Student Parking Arrangements***

We will aim to provide some degree of student parking.  We will make 35 spaces available in the Usher car park and 50 spaces available at Platt halls.  These spaces will be prioritised based on need. Students with blue badges seeking disabled space access should contact the Disability and Dyslexia Service. Students who do not have blue badges, but who wish to request special consideration (usually for medical reasons) to park on campus, in Usher or Platt car parks should contact wellbeing@mdx.ac.uk.

We have spoken to Saracens who have kindly agreed to allow all other students and staff to use parking at the Copthall Stadium on most days next term and we will follow up with more details closer to the start of term.  This is a 25 minute walk from campus and vehicles are left at your own risk but it is a more controlled environment than off-street parking.

***Possible Temporary Parking Arrangements***

We are looking at options to add temporary overflow parking on the campus and have highlighted making Scholars Courtyard available from late August. This will be open to parking from 8am to 8pm, available to both staff and prioritised students.  Access will be on a first come first served basis and the arrangement will be temporary as we do not have planning permission for this use during normal circumstances.

***Respecting other car park users and the Local Community***

Staff and students are reminded that local parking restrictions are in place and should be adhered to when campus parking is not available.

Please be mindful of any impact that your parking may have on colleagues, our neighbours and access to private property.

**Please note we are currently reviewing our cycling arrangements and a policy statement will follow shortly with further details**.

Jamie Smith, Director of Facilities