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Smart rules needed to govern smart lamp posts

As they can generate huge amounts of data, a data ethics board is vital to prevent abuse.

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WHENEVER parking fees are being discussed or proposals put up, there is a common refrain among the public: ‘Why not just reduce the fees?’

But many teachers and school administrators say that raising parking fees is a step in the right direction.

“I have talked to many teachers and found that they are not against paying for parking, provided that the fees are reasonable for them to pay,” says Loh Kung Yew, principal of a primary school in NW.

Many teachers feel that the fees should be determined by the MOE, as it is better placed to understand the needs of the teaching profession.

Loh Kung Yew adds that the fees should not be too high, as it would be unfair to parents who are also paying for their children’s education.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has designed a new framework for charging teachers for parking in public schools, and the policy is expected to be implemented in 2020.

The new framework will involve a two-tier system, with teachers paying different rates depending on their rank and the number of children they have in school.

For example, a teacher with one child will pay $15 per month, while a teacher with two or more children will pay $20 per month.

The fees will be paid in advance, and teachers can purchase annual passes for $200, which will give them unlimited parking for the whole school year.

The MOE has also introduced a scheme that will allow teachers to park for free on days when they are not teaching, such as during weekends and school holidays.

The aim of the new framework is to make parking in schools more affordable for teachers, while also generating income for the schools.

The MOE has also announced that it will be introducing a new policy that will allow teachers to use their own cars for school-related purposes, such as transportation to school events or classes.

This will help to reduce the cost of parking for teachers, and also allow them to use their own cars for other activities, if necessary.

The MOE has also been working with technology companies to develop smart parking solutions for schools.

These solutions include sensors that can detect when a car is parked, and cameras that can monitor the parking area.

The data collected from these sensors and cameras will be used to generate insights that can help the MOE to improve its parking policies.

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