

Dear parents,

From tomorrow, we will be making several changes to how children, parents and those in cars will enter the site through our Queensway entrances.

Children and parents should not enter the site until there is a member of academy staff present. The member of academy staff will open the main pedestrian gate (fig. 1) at 08.35.



If this gate has been left open (due to children accessing our breakfast club) parents and children must still wait outside the main pedestrian gate until a member of staff is present. At the moment, we have parents and children entering earlier than this which is causing congestion at the crossing and also means that, prior to the actual opening time of 08.35, there is no member of staff present. We recommend that children and parents do not turn up until 08.35 to reduce the amount of time they are having to wait outside of the main gate.

(Figure 1 above)

From tomorrow, we will lower the barrier (fig. 2) which will limit vehicle access to the site. This will mean that those parents who normally park at the top of the car park (by the school building) will now no longer be able to do so. Parents who drop off children in their car (by prior agreement with academy leadership) will now turn right (fig3) on entry to the car park, drop their child off on the pavement on the right hand side of the barrier (fig.2) and will then follow the one way system around the small car park to leave via the main gate - we will leave the end two spaces of the car park free to allow for this (fig. 4). To help us, it is important that parents do not arrive too early to drop off their child. As we only have around 8 families who need this support, arriving at 08.35 should not create an issue. Staff will be present to ensure parents know where they need to go.



(Figure 2 - barrier)



(Figure 3 - right turn)



(Figure 4 - empty spaces)

At the moment, we will not change the process for the end of the school day but will monitor the situation closely and make adaptations where necessary.

We believe that by introducing these changes we will have a much smoother start to the school day and ensure that all of our community are kept safe whilst meeting the needs of all of our learners.

Thank you for your continued support.

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