

7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you have had a restful time with your children. Please could I ask you to take a minute of your time to read the following information

### **Morning, start of the day, arrangements**

Just to remind you *and allay some worries*; as from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, staff will be present from 8.35am NOT BEFORE at the following points: 1x Bromwich Drive entrance, 1x playground by the stream and at 8.30am 1x the blue Little Sutton Lane Gate. The member of staff at the Little Sutton Lane Gate is there to close the gate ensuring that all children are safe from vehicles entering and leaving the school site.

Children are invited to walk onto site unaccompanied and make their own way to their classrooms.

No child should be sent unaccompanied through the gates before 8.35am as staff are legally not in 'loco parentis' until this time and are not in position to look after children.

Parents are of course welcome to bring children onto the playground, however, we have found that these arrangements have shown a significant improvement in their independence; carrying their own bags, lunch boxes, reading bags, instruments and making their way into class. The cloakrooms are less congested and the atmosphere in school has been very calm with children settling down to their lessons earlier.

### **Afterschool Collection at 3.20pm**

**FYS and FYJ** will be brought out to the playground at the far end of the building for parents to collect.

**Y1S&J, Y2S&J** will be brought through the hall and down the ramp on to the playground under the canopies for handing over.

**Please could all FY, Y1 and Y2 parents remain within the 1<sup>st</sup> Netball court (nearest the stream) and not encroach nearer the school – this allows all staff to clearly identify parents collecting and ensures that all children are kept safe.**

**Y3 and Y4** will be brought down the drive side of the building to the playground.

**Y5 and Y6** will also be brought across the drive onto the playground.

Staff have asked if KS2 parents could wait on the playground where hand over will be safer.

Many thanks for your cooperation

### **Park and Stride**

Please could I encourage parents again to consider parking slightly further afield from the entrance of the school 5/10 minutes earlier and walking the last part of the journey. If you can only manage to fit this in 1 day a week on a regular basis it will have so many positive benefits (also in the evenings as well!); providing valuable quality time with your children, an extra exercise session for adult and child, help alleviate car numbers vying for parking places, promote a more active lifestyle from an early age amongst the children.

We have suggested a variety of park and stride areas to safely set off from;

Heath Croft Road, Dower Road, Hayward Road, Norfolk Road, Nathan Close, Rocklands Drive, St Andrew's Road, Gleneagles Drive, Barker Road and Wyvern Road- all within a few minutes walk.

Fr Michael has also stated that he is very happy for parents to park in the Holy Trinity Church Car Park and walk from there- obviously use the Pedestrian Crossing outside the church- *a pleasant route is the one taken by the children to church; down Boswell Road, through the alleyway into Radbourn Drive, again through the Alleyway to the Tamworth Road.* Please consider this.

### **Safe Parking**

Unfortunately a number of parents try to park next to the school gates, across driveways and blocking dropped curbs, this is selfish, irresponsible and more importantly will endanger the lives of others. We have even had a parent stop and move ornamental rocks on the grass verge of the Tamworth Road to park there. As a school the Staff and Academy Committee have no jurisdiction over activity beyond the gate but we would like to ask all our parents to take heed and support us in our endeavours- we know many do and would like to thank you for this.

Many thanks



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