



Friday 14th October 2016

START OF DAY/END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last week and a half we have trialled changes to the way pupils enter and leave the building at the start and end of the day. Pupils (other than Early Years) now gather in the hall and foyer in bus groups at 3.25pm when lessons end, and are collected from there by their escorts or their parents. Pupils in Early Years are still collected from their class bases. This has shortened the time taken to exit the building, which means that pupils do not have to wait to get onto their buses.

This week we extended the trial so children (except Early Years) being dropped off by parents in the morning were collected by class staff in the foyer. Older, independent pupils made their own way to their class bases from the foyer. From Monday next week, bus escorts will deliver all pupils to the foyer and then Lower School pupils (except Early Years) and Upper School pupils who are not independent around the building will be collected from the foyer by their class staff. Early Years will continue to be dropped off at their class base. If pupils who are not independent around the building are dropped off late by parents, a member of class staff will come to the front door to collect them. The front door will close at 9.30am.

There are several reasons we are moving to this system:

1. It will improve the parking situation for transport vehicles and parents by reducing the length of time taken to move children in and out of the building, and to this end a regular team of staff will be on car park duty in the morning and afternoon to ease congestion
2. It will reduce the number of non-badged visitors into school beyond the foyer point, improving safeguarding and security for your children
3. It will allow our more independent children to further develop their independence, particularly in Upper School, and they do enjoy being treated in a more grown-up manner
4. Parents of younger or vulnerable children who drop off will still have contact with a member of staff for communication purposes and we know this is important to some of our parents who do drop off
5. A closed front door at 9.30am allows staff to get to class to start lessons promptly and improves security and safeguarding for all of the children

We look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening next week. If you do have any concerns about the new arrangements or just want to chat about them, I will be in the foyer to talk to you. Jane Mills and Sarah Adam will also be available.



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You may be aware that there are currently consultations going on in Cheshire West and Chester to reduce the speed limit to 20mph around all schools. We have also asked for a crossing to be considered for outside Dorin Park. Traffic assessments are happening regularly in the school vicinity. CWAC have asked us to publicise the following, which has been done in the Newsletter, but I would like to take the opportunity to add the information here too:

CWAC is encouraging use of the Upton Pavilion car park (owned by CWAC) for drop-off and pick-up by parents of Dorin Park pupils at the start and end of day.
CWAC also advises that, if parking on the road, this needs to be at least 10 metres from a junction.
Also, that pavement parking is illegal.

I am delighted that we now have some pupils who are working on their Independent Travel Training by walking to school. Could I please ask all parents driving onto the school site to be aware that there are pupils walking along the safe routes across the site, including the zebra crossing. School staff supervise the barrier and the drive to ensure the safety of pupils who are walking. Please respect their instructions as to when it is safe to proceed and when to stop and wait. This is crucial in enabling us to keep pupils and other car park users safe.

Finally, the pupils have made a great start to the new academic year and I look forward to you hearing how well they are doing next week. They really are a fantastic bunch!

Best wishes,

Jane Hughes

Headteacher