



5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Good evening, just a quick message from me with a further update on the start of this term for parents. Thank you for your continued support of students, they have made a superb start to the term and we have had a really positive first two days with students really demonstrating that warm, welcoming and friendly school community that we are very much striving for.

It has been a genuine pleasure to walk the corridors, to be on the gates in the morning and around the corridors and in lessons and see the really positive start to the term that the students have made and staff have commented this consistently to me. So thank you for your support in that

Also, with regard to the strong start to the day with the single point of entrance that we have refined, reviewed and improved continues to be a really successful way of starting the day in a calm and orderly fashion. Thank you for your support of that and in terms of ensuring that students are not arriving to the school site ahead of 8.15am.

Yesterday we were hampered significantly by torrential rain and a very busy end to the day today, on Friday, with students keen to get out and this evening was difficult. The volume of students was high and therefore made it hard to make keep the calm, orderly controlled, exit that we want to assure with that single point of exit.

Although being able to see and witness the way in which students entered the main roads and pathways in one clear area, does really help us identify the need to address what I discussed recently with parents actually, the importance is that we all continue to remind the children of road safety being paramount, much more so than phones, or any need to rush, so please do reinforce that message however, we are looking to refine and review that further on Monday and we will be staggering the students, exit, more directly from the school site in order to help control that flow of traffic, but still have that single point of exit, so that we can monitor and have our staff resources to secure that safe, calm and orderly exit in place. Obviously we'll update with any further elements, but obviously it's an important thing that we do moving forward, to secure the best possible school environment and safe journey home for students as well.

Thank you for your support of that and I'll give further details and information in messages next week too.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Foster

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