

4th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Important Changes to Dropping off and Collecting students in September

Our primary concern is the safety of all our students when arriving and leaving the school site. Due to the Government guidance requirements to operate the school in a Covid secure manner we have had to make changes regarding visitors on site and start of day arrangements. Parents are only permitted on the site by appointment to reduce contact with the school.

We have had to re-designate one of our external areas. It is no longer a car park and will be used as a playground and morning registration point. On site drop off and collection is now not permitted.

- Please do not use the immediate local roads to park and drop off.
- At all times, be considerate of local residents who need to maintain access to their drives.
- Please do not park on verges or other areas which are clearly not waiting areas.
- Please do not drop off/pick up along Vyne Road, especially the bend leading to Darlington Road.
- Please do not manoeuvre your car in the main school entrance, or stop on yellow or white markings, near junctions or opposite driveways.

We are encouraging pupils to walk or cycle to school wherever possible.

Drop off point: Vyne Meadow Car Park

If anyone does have to drive, please drop pupils off and/or collect them a safe 5-10 minutes' walk from school. We have consulted with local councillors and the police.

- Just a few minutes away lower down on Vyne Road is the Vyne Meadow Car Park which is available to safely drop off and collect students.
- Students can also walk to the school back gate via the path on Queen Mary Avenue.
- Please see the attached map for further details.
- This change will require planning with your child to reduce local disruption but I am sure you understand the reasons behind the change.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the safety of everyone around the school entrance and surrounding roads.

For the first two weeks, we will have a member of school staff situated in Vyne Meadow Car Park to escort students at 8.15am on the walk to school.

Yours sincerely



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