

Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Playground

Having reviewed health and safety across the school and to provide the best morning routine for our children, we would like to communicate a change of access when you are dropping off and collecting your children:

- The reception playground will be open for reception parents/children only. This will ensure the safety of our youngest children in the school;
- The side gate, which some parents use to enter the main playground (through the reception playground) next to the dining hall area, will now be closed at all times to ensure the safety of our youngest children in our reception class, this will come into force from **Monday 4th February**;
- Access to the main playground will be available through the gate at the furthest side of the car park if you are entering via Rosecourt Road.

Morning Access to School

After half term, week commencing 25th February, the back gate located on Thornton Road will be closed at 9.00am prompt. The school day starts at 9.00am for all children and every minute lost is essential learning time. Research claims 5 minutes lost each day is a huge 15 hours of education lost each academic year. Access from Rosecourt Road through our main office will be your entry to school from 9.00am. Children will be marked as late if they enter school after 9.00am.

We appreciate this may cause inconvenience to some parents which is why we will not enforce this until Monday the 25th of February (first day back from half term) allowing you to take the time to change to your morning routine be that via bus, car or walking to arrive in school before 9.00am, ideally 8:45am when the school building opens, ready for lessons to begin on time. Please note children will be marked as late if they enter school after 9.00am.

8.45am - First bell will be rung

8.55am - Second bell will be rung

9.00am - Gates will be closed

Mobile Free School

We are proud to be a mobile free school. All staff on the school site should not have their mobile phones in view of our children, at any time. Parental support is vital for this and signs will be placed on the school gates to aid us to ensure we are all role models of the school's request. We appreciate busy lifestyles and the need to communicate with work colleagues as soon as you have dropped your children off at school. However, we ask that mobile phones are kept in pockets/handbags away from our children until you leave the school site.

Should you need your Year 6 child to have access to a mobile phone at the end of the day for whatever reason we would like that phone to be left with the office staff in the morning so that no mobile phones are inside the learning areas/lockers etc. at any time. A parental consent form must be completed before Year 6 can bring in their phone.

Although I have only been here a short while I want to express how wonderful it has been to begin to know your wonderful children. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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