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## Access of Students onto the School Site

Dear Parents

Safe access by students onto the school site is of primary concern for the school and we are looking at ways of reducing risk. Consequently, we will be **closing the pedestrian path** which currently runs to the right of the main drive from Clothierholme Road. This will take effect from **Monday, 5 November** - the first day after half term. This path will be closed because it leads to a busy car park, and in the absence of a safe path around the car park, and in preparation for the possible construction of the 3G pitch, we are exploring safer routes into school.

First, we will be directing all pedestrians to access the school via the farmyard gate entrance opposite the Humanities and Languages Block. From there students can access the rest of the school site via the North Corridor. This entrance is only used by a small number of service vehicles at prescribed times and vehicles are escorted by a member of the estates team. The access gate by the astro-pitch to the allotments will also remain open.

Second, we are requesting that students stay out of the car park during school hours unless in an emergency. The long term plan will be to create separate pedestrian zones, probably around the art block and library areas also. In the meantime, can I please remind you that there remains in place a total prohibition on students being dropped off or picked up by parents in the car park between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Students must be dropped off and picked up on Clothierholme Road or in the bus park following the well-signed and established protocol (coned system). Students being picked up by car should ensure that buses can enter and leave the bus park safely. The only exception to this rule is for parents of boarding students who are unloading luggage and who are allowed access to the main drive at this time.

We will continue to monitor these arrangements for a test period to start with and adjust our practice if required.

Yours sincerely

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