

30/9/16

Dear Parent/Carer

***I have a few important updates for you regarding our playground and car park so please take the time to read this information letter.***

#### Access to the playground

As you already know, we are awaiting completion of our new access to our playground. The reason for this work was because of our continued growth in numbers of pupils who attend our academy and the restricted access that was in place when the building was designed.

There has been a delay with the delivery of the gates and the railings but we are continuing to liaise with the contractor to ensure that the work is completed as soon as possible. I will keep you posted on the developments and the arrangements that will be in place when this is finished and ready to use.

#### The car park

We are in a very fortunate position to have a large car parking space and turning circle that parents can access. This is very rare for a school and most do not allow parents into their car park. This therefore causes congestion around the neighbouring streets. Due to our location (opposite the Fire Station and Ambulance Station) we have this great facility, and what a luxury it is for us all.

This does, however, mean that as we continue to grow our car parking area will become more and more busy. You will have noticed that Mr Bedford is outside every morning and afternoon to ensure that the area remains safe and that we maximise the space that we have got. We would really appreciate your support with the following:

- Filling up all of the marked parking spaces before parking along the curb in front of the building.
  - This prevents the allocated parking spaces from being blocked and therefore inaccessible, which then causes more congestion.
- When parking along the curb (after all of the marked spaces are full), please ensure that you move along to the furthest point, rather than leaving gaps.
  - This means that we can maximise the number of cars that fit along the curb and can make a difference of adding in another 4 cars.
- Please drive slowly into and around the car park.
  - Being a school means that we have a lot of small children moving around.
  - Children can walk out from in-between cars and they can move quickly and in an unpredictable manner.

- Please take full responsibility for your children in the car park and ensure that you guide them from your car to the playground safely.
  - When parking at the far side of the car park, please walk around the edge to get to the pavement in front of the main building – avoid walking directly across the car park.

If a member of staff asks you to move your car to a different location/space, there will be a good reason for this (usually one of the reasons listed above). Please be courteous to members of staff as they are simply carrying out what is expected of them to ensure the safety of all children.

Like I said at the beginning of this letter, we are very fortunate to have such a large car park and one that is so accessible to parents. We just need to work together to continue to ensure that our children stay safe and this is the responsibility of everyone who uses this space.

Please remember to consider walking or cycling to school. It is a great way to start the day and can be an enjoyable time for you and your child to enjoy together and helps to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

Kind regards

Mrs C Wright

Principal