



10th September, 2020

RE - Important Changes to Dropping off and Collecting students in September and Car Parking

Dear Parent /Carer,

As always our primary concern is the safety of all our learners, including 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/Carers are only permitted on the school site by appointment to reduce the risk to the whole community.

With COVID 19 still impacting us we are constantly risk assessing our school environment to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep pupils and staff safe. With this in mind, we have now decided to close one of our internal car parks to create an additional designated space for small groups during break 1 and 2. The staff vehicles that used to populate this internal car park will now be forced to utilise the outer Steynton car park. As this car park is now allocated to the staff it must not be used for school pick up and drop off journeys, unless you need to access the disabled parking spaces and are displaying the appropriate 'Blue' parking badge. Parking is available in the larger car park at the back of the Thornton site, off Thornton Road; if this is full, you will need to find alternative parking nearby.

In order to keep the pupils, staff and the wider community safe whilst on school premises, it has been decided that the galvanised gate at the Steynton entrance will now be closed during the following periods of the school day:

- In the morning the gates will be closed Monday to Friday from **8.20 a.m. to 8.50a.m (30 mins)**.
- In the afternoon the gates will be closed **Monday to Thursday from 3:00pm to 3.20pm**.
- Friday afternoon the gates will be closed from **1.05 pm. to 1.25pm**

We politely ask that if you are using a vehicle to drop off or collect your children please use the Thornton car park, this is safer for the young people and also helps avoid congestion and obstructions to the main road at Steynton. Thank you to all those parents and carers that already use the Thornton car park to drop off and collect pupils, this makes a huge and positive impact on our young people having a safe journey to and from school. We also request that parents and carers please do not get out of their vehicles where possible when dropping off/ collecting children. We are trying our best to reduce the number of and interactions of people on school site for the safety of everyone, and so where possible please remain in your vehicle.

A big thank you to all those who already park appropriately and with consideration for others, if you do witness any actions outside school that concern you please can I ask that you report it to the police using the 101 number. Thank you for taking the time to consider the safety of everyone around the school entrance and surrounding roads. We appreciate your continued support in this matter, and thank you again for your cooperation in supporting us to keep our children safe.

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Ms Morris, Headteacher