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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last few weeks, some parents, school staff and members of the public have raised concerns about safety of young people at the front gates of the school. Those concerns have centred around the often all-to-close proximity of pedestrians to cars, minibuses and coaches.

We must regulate the traffic flow in and out of the school drive at busy times of the day, but particularly at the end of the school day, when many hundreds of our students are leaving the school site. As an immediate response to this the following measures will be put in place.

- Students will be reminded NOT to use the road way on the school site towards Springfield School as a path to leave school. They will be reminded of alternative ways of leaving the school site from the English and Food Technology blocks.
- The main school gates will be closed to all traffic (except in an emergency and except incoming school buses between 2.50 pm and 3.10 pm). A member of staff will be on hand to close the gates and open them in an emergency.
- The internal barrier in the school drive will be closed to prevent cars leaving the site until 3.10 pm.
- School buses will park in the upper car park and will leave at 3.10 pm before other vehicles.
- Members of the teaching and support staff will attend to ensure students leave the site in a sensible and safe manner.
- If you need to collect your child immediately school finishes for an appointment after school it is possible to meet them at the Pensclose gate. Please be aware that Pensclose is a residential area – it would help residents if you arranged to meet your child only in an extreme case.

Thank you



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