

## Parking and Site Access

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday ready to start the new school year. The contractors have undertaken a massive amount of work during the break, but they also ran into a number of problems which significantly extended the area they needed to work in and required some very heavy vehicles and equipment. You will probably be quite shocked by the state of the site when you return - including huge excavations at the back of the school to provide drainage for the new hall site.

All this work made the site inaccessible to staff whilst the contractors were working during the holiday and when staff returned on Monday there was a major challenge ahead to get the school safe and ready for children.

The builders have been working hard this week to make the site safe for children to return and we are relieved to be able to let you know that it will be in a sufficiently safe condition for us to open on Monday. Staff have also worked incredibly hard to make sure that all the classrooms will have been cleaned, moved and prepared ready for the new school year, alongside fitting in important professional development and safeguarding training. We are indebted to Mr Irving, our Caretaker, our team of cleaners and volunteers who've helped us with this huge task and we are now ready to welcome the children back.

Please be aware that the school is still a construction site and will continue to be so until June 2019. The work means that there are restrictions on access to certain areas, the site is uneven and there are potential additional hazards on site. In order to keep safe, it is very important that everyone follows the site safety rules. We will be telling the children how to keep safe in Monday's Assembly and we ask for parental support in respecting our safety rules and ensuring children are supervised as they walk into and out of school and are kept away from fenced off areas.

We hope you find the following information useful:

- At the moment, there is no vehicle route through the site. To minimise movement, the car park is restricted to staff only and entry and exit is via the same way into Preston Lane, so please be very careful when crossing the school gateway.
- There will be access to the site from the Preschool but this may be closed on some days between 9am – 3pm.
- Key stage 2 (Junior) children will come into school via the fenced off pathway through the car park. We will do our best to limit traffic movement but please keep to the pathway at all times.  
Y3 children should come into school via the doors to the playground under the canopy  
Y4 children should come in through the external doors of their classrooms  
Y5 children are in the newly refurbished Community Rooms  
Y6 children should come in through the door at the back of the hall
- To access the School Office and Main Reception please come into school via the lower driveway next to the bungalow. For the sake of safety there is no access to vehicles via this entrance, except for school taxis and disabled drop off. Please

ensure you walk on the footpath and please keep children from walking in the new flowerbeds as all the soil will get walked into school.

- Entry for EYFS and Key Stage 1 is via the lower gate on Preston Lane as usual and children will go into and out of classrooms via the external doors. Please be especially careful about supervising younger siblings whilst waiting in the playground as there are gaps under the security fencing. The fencing must not be moved or opened at any time.
- To cross from the lower playground to the upper playground there will be a gate in the security fencing across the temporary road. Please be aware that the ground may be uneven. We are trying to source some sort of temporary pathway across the field for wet weather, but until we can do so you may prefer to go back out into Preston Lane and come in via the KS2 route to pick up older children.

Thank you for everyone's ongoing support and co-operation. We are looking forward to seeing some exciting developments next week as the steel frames for the EYFS building are put in place – it will be good to see the building start to go up rather than more holes being dug!