

Dear Parents/Carers,

ENTRANCE BARRIER, SIGNING IN AND OUT, EPRAISE

Ahead of the students' return to school next week, we wanted to make you aware of some changes that may impact you and your child.

Firstly, in order to further improve the safety and security of our school site, an automatic entrance barrier has been installed in order to restrict vehicles entering the site during the school day. As a reminder, we ask that if you need to drop off or collect your child from school at the start and end of the day, you utilise the pull in on Hardenhuish Lane and do not come on to the school site. This applies to all parents and students, unless there is an accessibility need which we are aware of. In these instances, special arrangements will be put in place.

Secondly, if your child is late to school or needs to leave during the school day for an appointment, they will need to sign in/out at the main school reception. (This is a change from the Academic Year 22-23, where students signed in and out at student services). If you are collecting your child for an appointment in the school day by car, we ask that, where possible, you park and make your way down to reception to meet your child. If this is not possible, we ask that you drive up to the barrier and make yourself known to the reception staff via the intercom.

Thirdly, to further improve the pastoral care of our students, our pastoral support workers will now be based in each year head's office. If a student needs to access pastoral support, they should present to the year head office at the start of the school day, breaktime, lunchtime, or the end of the school day.

Finally, following feedback from lots of parents/carers, this year you will be able to see a comment from the teacher if your child has been given a demerit, in the same way that you see a comment from the teacher if your child has been given a praise point. We hope that this will help parents to feel more informed about their child's overall behaviour at school.

We thank you in advance for continuing to support us with the safety and security of our site by minimising vehicle traffic and we very much look forward to welcoming all of our students back next week.

Yours faithfully

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