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Parking, road works and travel updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you continue with your preparations for all children to return to school on Monday 8th March, we wanted to give you some road and travel updates.

Road works

The road works on Southway Drive have continued throughout lockdown. There are still traffic control lights in place, on Friday the lights were just on the junction to Pendeen Crescent by the main entrance to the school. If they are still in place on Monday, please be aware that this may cause some congestion at the beginning and the start of the day.

Parking

As shared in previous letters, the car park remains closed. This is to ensure that parents and children can wait safely before the start of school.

As part of the road development, **double yellow lines and zig zag markings** have been put in place in the surrounding roads by the school. Please make sure that you allow sufficient time to drive to school so that you can park safely away from these markings. We also ask that you are considerate to our local residents and do not park across driveways or block pavements.

Road safety

Please make sure that you have taken some time to remind children about road safety especially if your children are walking to and from school without an adult. It has been a long time since children have been making their school journey and it would be good to go through the basic road safety rules with them.

There are now two places to cross close to the school. There is a traffic island and a zebra crossing either side of the mini roundabout at the crossroads by Clittaford Road and Butler Close.

Remind children that the roads are likely to be busier from Monday onwards when you are discussing with them how to cross the road safely using either crossing.

Travelling to school safely – Covid reminders

- If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so.
 - Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
 - If you are using public transport to get to school, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.
 - When you are travelling by public, don't forget to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
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- Social distance where possible.
 - Wash or sanitise your hands regularly.
 - Be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

It is very important that you continue to support all social distancing measures when bringing and collecting your child. Follow the arrows and markings on the school grounds, please do not cross any red lines and continue to wear a mask/face covering when on the school grounds (unless medically exempt). We also ask that 1 adult drops off and collects children so that we minimise the number of adults on site.

This will help to support the safe return of all children to school but also reassure our local community that we are continuing to follow measures as we all move slowly out of lockdown.

We look forward to seeing you all back safely from Monday 8th March.

Kind regards



Mrs J Sparrow
Head of School