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GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Thursday 12 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, the on site safety of our pupils and staff is paramount and will always be my first priority. Although the busyness of public roads and pavements are out of my control, I understand that the extended walk from home to some of our entrances can cause worry to parents/carers of our younger children.

With much consideration I have made the decision to try to ease the longer walk for children in Nursery to Year 2 by opening the pathway at the back of the school at the **beginning of the school day**. This will be on a trial basis and if there are any safeguarding concerns during this time the trial will not continue and we will revert back to the current procedures. Pick up routines will remain as they are – the pathway will **not be accessible at the end of the day** as the path is used as a dismissing point.

In order to keep our school site, children and staff safe, identified (internal) gates will be locked. This means any children in Years 3 to 6 will not be able to enter our grounds from the back of the school and must continue to enter the school as they do now.

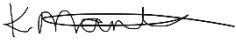
Please be mindful that the pathway is not very wide. Again, this is out of my control and I would urge families to walk the extra distance around the school if you are not happy with the path.

Children in Years 1 and 2 will all enter the school from the bottom of the school yard (no change for Year 1) and must be walked to the yard by a parent/career.

Summary:

- Families living Conway Road side of the school will be able to enter the school from the Conway Road gate and use the pathway at the back of the school to walk Years 1 and 2 children to the school yard.
- Families living School Lane side of the school will be able to enter the school from School Lane and use the pathway to walk children to the Nursery and Reception gate.
- The pathway will only be accessible to families at the beginning of the day.
- Parents/carers are to leave the school grounds promptly so gates can be locked.
- Parent/carers are not to enter the school building unless invited.
- The use of the pathway will be on a trial basis. If parents/carers do not adhere to the expectations stated in this letter and I feel the safety of pupils and staff become an issue the pathway will be closed to families.
- The pathway at the back of the school will be accessible to children and parents/carers from Monday 16th September.

Kind regards



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