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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Thursday 9th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

'Near-Miss Incident'

This morning we had a 'near miss incident' involving a child and a car on school grounds.

This was very distressing for everyone concerned and we want to ensure school remains a safe place for everyone – we include arrival and departure from the school grounds an essential part of this.

To make sure we avoid a repeat of this morning, we ask that you do not arrive on school grounds before 8.45 which is when doors open for all pupils. If you attend the breakfast club, however, we appreciate you will be arriving earlier.

If you travel by public transport, and you arrive before 8.45am, please wait within the school playground rather than on the narrow road leading up to school/outside church area. As pupils and parents arrive in time for the 8.45am – 8.55am flexible start, we ask that everyone now waits within the school yard.

I understand this is a different arrangement than the one adopted during COVID-19 restrictions but, as we no longer have staggered entry, we do not want parents/pupils gathering in large numbers beyond the safer confines of the yard.

Once in the yard, we ask that pupils remain under the close supervision of parents/carers. Pupils in Y5 and Y6, who have permission to walk to school without parental supervision, should not arrive before 8.45am. Once pupils, who travel to school independently, arrive on the school site, they should come straight into school via the playground.

As an additional reminder, pupils should not access the play equipment before or after the school day as there is no staff supervision. This rule applies to younger siblings.

Thank you, as always, for your on-going co-operation. Safety is always our primary concern and we seek to respond to any incident involving potential risk swiftly.

I will be outside tomorrow morning to help direct in case there is any confusion.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess

Headteacher

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