

16th March 2023

Interim Head of School - Caroline Lowing

Executive Head - Patrick Earnshaw

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported the school as we continue to improve the school site and make it even safer and more secure for students. I wanted to write to you to explain the changes to the school site, how we are making it safer and how parents/carers can support us with these changes.

The most significant change in terms of improving and securing the school site is the installation of the fence. This fence will help to support the safeguarding of our students by creating specific entrance points for all school visitors. The construction of the fence has been delayed by us switching contractors so that we could ensure that the work is carried out to the highest standards and to the specifications that we desire for a significant project of this nature. The work will recommence imminently, and we look forward to this improvement.

The changes to the car park/front of school area were intended to work in conjunction to the construction of the fence. The delay to the construction of the fence meant that the changes to line marking have been carried out in advance of the other changes.

Changes to the road markings and how it will change access to the site

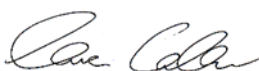


- It continues to be the case that, where possible, parents/carers **do not come onto the school site to drop**. Whilst we understand that some journeys and circumstances require that this is necessary, it is safer in terms of the site that this is avoided where possible.
- We would suggest that stopping in the entrance of the left turn from Winchester Road is highly inadvisable. As a busy turning it is not designed for stopping.
- Please do not use the T junction on entering the school as a place to perform a U-turn. This is a hazard for students cycling or crossing the road on the zebra crossing.
- A new bus stop drop-off zone has been created for students. This has been created with a zebra crossing so that students will be able to cross safely. The fence will also mean that students can wait safely on a pavement before crossing. The drop curbs will allow any students with access needs to use these areas. We would ask that parents who come onto the site in cars are mindful of the need to keep to the 5mph limit and be aware of students who need to cross the road to use the bus pick up area.
- When the bus is not present in the bus drop-off zone then parents/carers can use this as an additional drop off area. Please be aware that there may be vehicles pulling out from the drop off zone on the other side.
- The main area to drop off student is cordoned off with a yellow box. This area will also be shared with the school minibuses.
- The disabled spaces have been relocated so that there is enough space around each vehicle to meet the agreed standards for these spaces. As marked on the plan we are in the process of putting in place a pedestrian walkway that leads from the car park and, in particular, the disabled spaces towards the zebra crossing and the front entrance.

Whilst not completed yet, the planning has focused on making the school a safer environment in terms of access especially for vehicles. We appreciate the support and patience that parents/carers have shown in adjusting to those changes.

If you do have any questions relating to these matters, then please do not hesitate to get in contact at r.collar@thornden.hants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Rob Collar
Deputy Headteacher