



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we all know parking and spaces to park is a continuous issue around our school. You also know that safeguarding and keeping EVERYONE safe is also always top of our priority list.

Since the Urban Hub opened last term, parking has become even more of an issue and with it so too has the grief and abuse that Mr Green has received off a minority of parents and those trying to park (including taxi drivers). We have noticed numbers of 'near misses' outside the school gates at the front of school and with children running across the carpark as this has been their way into school.

As a result, we have chatted as a staff team and have made the decision to return to 'how it used to be'. That is from **Monday 23rd January**, ALL children will be dropped off and collected on the main playground using either of the side entrances on Ashmoor Street or the Nursery gate on Sizer Street. Nursery children will return to using the side Nursery gate also. The car park gates will be closed from 08.45am, opening again at 9.05am.

In order to reduce congestion with many classes trying to get through the back 2 doors, we will still be keeping to the 8:55am start/3.25pm finish for Years 2 – 6 and a 9am start/3.30pm finish for Reception and Year 1 (Nursery remains the same also with 9-12noon times).

This will also give children more chance to play and socialise before school, and parents and guardians too and will also reduce the number of late arrivals.

The gates to the playground will be locked at 9.05am and children will be marked late if they arrive after this time. They will then have to be signed in with a reason given by the adult who drops them off at the main office. This is a requirement, not an option. On this note, please can I remind you to be on time. Not only is it very disruptive to your child's learning and day if they arrive late, it is also very time consuming and disruptive for Mrs Gardner and Mrs Galka who often suffer verbal abuse from adults dropping their child off when asked for a reason.

The simple answer to avoid this is to be on time, like the majority of our children are!

Please do not hesitate to come and chat if you have any questions. Many thanks for your continual support and care.

With kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth
Headteacher