

Monday 7th September

The morning routine continues to get better and quicker. Thank you for your support. We will keep our morning routine the same.

Dinners are getting quicker and Y5/6 are now going slightly later.

The end of the day was busier than anticipated. Both Nick Goforth (Head of Belper School) and I were outside Pottery School at the end of the day and it was quite congested between 3.00 and 3.15pm. We also talked about pupils on bikes, which Nick is going to follow up at Belper School tomorrow.

At the end of the school day, the main gate will continue to operate as it has done with staff seeing the children out and a waiting system on the trim trail.

From TOMORROW afternoon, the gate at the top of the MUGA (leading to the high school car park) will be open from 2.55pm to allow the following:

- Parents of Yr 5/6 children coming through that gate will be able to come and wait on the new playground; staff will bring out the children to you.
- As soon as you have collected your child / children from the playground, please leave the school by the same gate. We still have children in classes and for their safety, cannot have other adults walking through the school grounds.
- Yr 5/6 children who walk home unaccompanied will be able to leave school by either the main gate or the MUGA gate.
- Students from Belper School who collect younger siblings from Pottery may collect from either the new playground or the main gate - please ensure that this is clearly communicated as to which collection point it will be.
- If you collect a Yr 5/6 child and have a sibling in year 3/4, you can wait on the same playground for them to come and meet you.
- **From 3.10pm**, Yr 3/4 parents will be able to choose whether they use the MUGA gate or the main gate. Parents coming through the MUGA gate will be able to come and wait for their children on the new playground. Please let your child know which exit you will be meeting them at.
- Staff will not let the Yr 3/4 children go without seeing a parent/carer waiting for them. It may take a few practises but I am sure the children will get used to it.
- If you have children in Yr 1/2 or Reception to collect, please continue to use the main school gate as before and wait in the trim trail.

- The year 1/2 children and reception children will continue to exit from the main school gate as before where a member of staff can hand the children directly to a parent safely.

I am hopeful that this will give parents / carers and children in key stage 2 the option of avoiding some of the congestion at the end of the day.

We will continue to communicate how this is going if other issues arise from changing the system.

Staff will be around to support at the end of the day tomorrow. Please email if you have any queries.

Many thanks

Mrs Nicholson (Acting Headteacher)