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Dear Parents and Carers,

Significant disruption to pupil pick up and drop off expected

I am writing as a follow up to my end of term letter at the start of this month to remind you about the works that are due to take place at the Peace Centre that will have an effect pupil drop off and pick up to school.

The Peace Centre is being developed into a specialist sixth form college and adult social care facility for students and adults with special educational needs and disabilities, along with works to extend the car parking facilities at St Gregory's High school and improvements to Peace Drive. The development is under the management of Warrington Borough Council.

The works are due to start shortly and it is anticipated that these will take affect from Monday 2nd June and will last for approximately 12 months.

Therefore, from Monday 2nd June, the current drop-off and pick up arrangement on Peace Drive and within the Peace Centre's private car park will no longer be available and all safe access will be under the control of the contractors working on the Peace Centre development.

However, access will still be available into St. Gregory's car park for staff, deliveries and the most vulnerable pupils who currently require direct access.

The SEND team are aware of the pupils who arrive by organised taxi and via agreement with the school.

For all other parents and carers, we strongly advise reviewing temporary alternative arrangements for drop off and pick up, such as using public transport, cycling, walking or finding safe places to drop off children by car where a short walk will be required.

Dropping children off in bus parking areas, or on Cromwell Avenue, are not safe options and are not advised.

It is an unfortunate reality that we will all face disruption during this period. However, when the works are completed, a new drop off system will be in place and the school will benefit from an extended and improved car park.

You will appreciate that school staff on the crossings outside school cannot do anything about the works, we can only manage the situation as best as we can within the limits placed upon use, but with co-operation and patience we will manage this period constructively together.

I thank you for your ongoing understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Ed McGlinchey
Headteacher

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