Parents and Carers



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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on planned works to the car park at St Gregorys Catholic High School, Peace Drive, and The Peace Centre

Further to the letter sent to parents and carers at the end of April, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of the project. This letter explains that there will be disruption to the current use of Peace Drive for drop off/pick up of pupils at St Gregory's High School although this is not anticipated to impact until the end of the summer term.

The Council plans to develop the Peace Centre into a specialist sixth form college and adult social care facility for students and adults with special educational needs and disabilities. The project will also include works to extend the car parking facilities at St Gregory's High school and improvements to Peace Drive.

The contractor for the project is due to start on site week commencing 7th July 2025 and at this stage works their works will be limited to the Peace Centre building and rear carpark. This will mean that Peace Drive and the existing turning circle at the Peace Centre will remain available until the end of the summer term on 18th July.

Works to Peace Drive and the school carpark will commence on 21st July onwards from which point access into the school will be restricted. From the start of term in September 2025 Peace Drive will be closed to general traffic, signage will be in place notifying road users of the closure. Authorised access into the school carpark for staff and for vulnerable pupils with designated access as well as deliveries will still be available (with the exception of the school summer holiday) via a controlled access managed by the contractor. Pedestrian and cycle access to the school will remain available at all times. It is currently anticipated that Peace Drive and the new turning circle will be available for public use in November 2025.

We realise that there will be disruption to the current use of Peace Drive for drop off/pick up of pupils but would ask for your co-operation in making alternative arrangements during this time. To encourage walking and cycle use where possible a temporary pedestrian crossing

will be in place near the junction of Cromwell Avenue with Cannon's Road and Waterways and the Council will be providing the school with support to encourage walking and cycling to school.

Questions relating to the scheme can be directed to <u>education@warrington.gov.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

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