



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 2nd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: REMINDER – Walking to school and dropping your child at school arrangements

The new term is very nearly here! I am delighted to have started (yesterday!) as the new Headteacher of Wadham School and will be writing to you again very soon by way of a formal welcome and introduction.

In the meantime, so that we can ensure a smooth start when students arrive from Monday, please see below information shared with you in July:

"During the pandemic, we have noticed an increasing number of families bringing their child to school by car, even if they could walk or if they have free school transport. As the school grows from September, this will be problematic. The sheer potential number of entries and exits from the school site, at the same time as buses are arriving and leaving, is likely to cause problems which are unnecessary.

If your child has a bus pass we would urge them to use it. If you do have to drop your child off, please do not enter the school site between 8.00-8:30am. The front tarmac area of school is needed for the safe entry and exit of buses and the children and young people on them. It is not a car park.

If you intend to drive your child, the safest place to drop your child is to enter Ashlands Road from the A30 and pull up beyond the vehicle entrance to the school site. Students should then use the footpath to walk around to the vehicle exit point (near the Fox Meadows/Ashlands Road junction), rather than walk across the grass, which would require them to walk across the coach park area, which needs to be avoided. If you come up Ashlands from North Street, you should find a safe place to stop near one of the crossing points on Ashlands Road, before you get to the school.

If your child will walk to school there are safe routes, with official crossing points, so that they can arrive at the front of school for entry. Only the gate at the front of school will be open at the start of the day. Students should not walk up the A30 footpath, beyond Clammer Hill Lane. It is narrow and the road is busy. Instead, they should walk up Clammer Hill Lane which will take them towards the back of school and then into Fox Meadows, where they can walk around to the front. There is a zebra crossing at the bottom of Mount Pleasant just by Clammer Hill Lane, which students should use to cross the road.

From the North Street side of town, students can walk past Ashlands School and use the pelican crossing near the junction of Ashlands Road and North Street to cross the road. Students who are on the Ashlands School side of North Street, should not be tempted to cross near Ashlands School and use the lane there, to make their journey shorter. There is no official crossing point and it is not clear if that 'cut-through', is a public footpath anyway. Please talk to your child about their walking route and be satisfied yourself that the route they propose to use, allows them to cross busy roads safely.



Yeovil Road, Crewkerne, Somerset. TA18 7NT Telephone 01460 270123
Website : www.wadhamschool.co.uk E-Mail : office@wadhamschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr R Burgas
Chair of Governors: Mr C Chapman



END OF THE DAY

Please do not come onto the school site, if you intend to pick up your child by car.

Buses need to be able to enter and leave safely and too many vehicle movements, if parents are coming in or have parked in the coach area, will compromise this.

The Police have asked us to remind families that you should not park on double yellow lines either. Arrange a safe place, where your child can safely cross roads if necessary, to meet them.

At the end of the day, the back gate is open and staff are on duty, if students wish to exit the site that way.

Finally, if you have any questions about where official crossings are placed, whether pedestrian refuges, zebra or pelican crossings, this should be directed to the Somerset County Council Highways team, who are the competent authority for these matters.

We will ask this team to monitor the traffic movements, at the start and end of the day, so they can see if they need to take any action."

With traffic control still in place along Ashlands Road, your support in adhering to these arrangements will help school transport arrive and leave safely, and on time.

It also helps us all keep our focus on the main thing – the learning and well-being of our students.

Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to writing to you again soon.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burgas', written in a cursive style.

Richard Burgas
Headteacher