



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

19th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of some changes we will be making to the operation of the St Aidan's site from Monday 31st October. The changes reflect our observations of students and site traffic over the last few weeks and our wish to make the daily operation of the school site as safe as possible. I would be grateful if you would read the notes below and act accordingly when visiting the school to drop off and collect students.

Student Safety and Site Access

The welfare and safety of all students, staff and visitors at St Aidan's are of paramount importance. The layout of the site presents some challenges in this regard, particularly the car park and bus drop off at the front of the building and in the Bede House car park. There are some medium-term plans in place to make some alterations to gateways and entrances to the school site, in addition to new barrier fencing and lane marking. These alterations will take place in the coming months and will help us to manage the site effectively. In the meantime, we need to manage the current situation as safely as possible.

Please note that from Monday 31st October 2022 the following will apply:

- **Bede Car Park.** We ask that the Bede car park is *not used* for school drop offs or collections at the start and end of the school day. **Bede car park will be for staff parking only.** There is no pedestrian access via the Bede car park or gate into school. All pedestrian access is through the designated gate at the front of the main school building.
- **Main car park/front of school.** Parents/carers can use the front of the main school building as a drop off point, entering and leaving the site via the marked entrance and exit gates. Please note that this is also a congested area, particularly when the school buses are on site between 08.20am – 09:00am and 15:20pm – 16:00pm. During those times parents/carers are asked not to use the designated bus bays if it can be avoided.
- **Mobility Access & Taxis.** There are designated car parking spaces outside the main reception for students with a mobility pass and for taxi drop off/pick up. These spaces may also be used by visitors to the school during the school day.

We ask our school community to support us in our efforts to manage the site effectively and keep all students staff and visitors safe, at all times. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Mr David C Thornton
Interim Headteacher