



Horn's Mill
Primary School

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Denbigh Close
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Dear Parents/Carers,

NEW ENTRANCE TO OUR SCHOOL AND PRE SCHOOL

I am delighted to inform you that our alternative, pedestrian entrance to school and pre-school will be opening tomorrow! This is the culmination of ploughing through a lot of red tape, raising considerable funds and organising, but now it is done!! We now have another entrance at the end of the layby, near the Shell Garage on the main road through Helsby. (A56 Chester Road) So, from tomorrow the following systems will be in place.



MORNING

From 8.30-9am the gates will be open. A member of staff will be on the gate to ensure the children are safely escorted into school. Our intention is that parents will **NOT** park in the layby in the morning but will leave it clear so that families can choose to drop their children off and drive away. Staff will still be on the main gates at the front of school and on the front door, so children heading round the daily mile track into school will be safely directed straight into school or into the playground.

The gates will be locked at 9.10am once all parents from Pre School and School have left the premises.

Families who need to drive, but wish to come into school with their children may use Helsby Community Sports Club to leave their cars in the morning or afternoon. (Please be very careful crossing the road.)

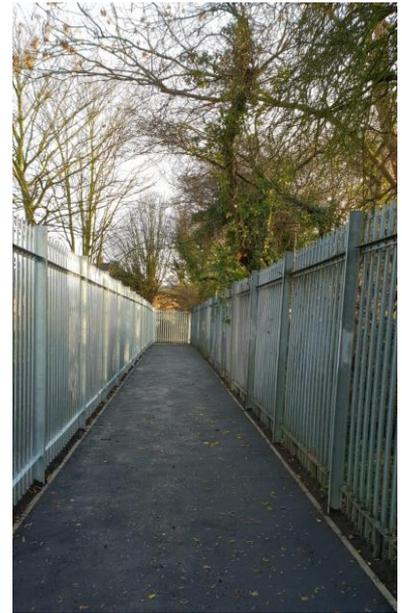


AFTERNOON

From 2.50-3.30pm the gates will be open. During this time, the gate will **NOT** be staffed, but children and families will be permitted to use the new entrance for their convenience. If you choose to park in the layby at this time, we ask that you do so in a considerate way to allow as many vehicles as possible to use this area for parking.

SAFETY

The reason for creating this entrance is to attempt to improve safety and convenience for families by reducing the amount of traffic in Latham Avenue and Denbigh Close. It would be a real shame if new issues of unsafe behaviour are created as a result. To this end, I have been advised by local police and the Highways department to request that the following situations are avoided.



1. Parking and leaving vehicles in the in the layby in the morning, thus causing potential double parking on the main road when families are dropping children off.
2. Dropping children on the opposite side of the road and allowing them to run across the road unsupervised.
3. Undertaking U-turns in the main road after dropping off.

To avoid points 2 and 3, it is suggested that drivers continue to the lights at Tesco and turn right to go around the block thus heading back towards school of the right side of the road.

As a school and pre-school we are really pleased to be able to offer this alternative entrance for you all. However, we cannot take responsibility for the safety of the children until they are on school premises. The only role of staff at the new gates will be to ensure the safety of children getting along the path to the daily mile track and into school.

From now on, we will be asking coaches to park in the layby to pick children up for school trips or swimming which will be considerably easier for the coach companies, safer for the children and more convenient for our school neighbours. (And the grass verges!)

As with any new initiative, there are bound to be some unforeseen teething problems, which we will deal with as they arise, but hopefully, this will improve the current situation we have with our school being at the end of a cul-de-sac and us virtually maximising our pupil numbers.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Sharon Wyatt