

# The Oldershaw School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have amended our pickup and drop off procedures for this year by preventing access to cars to the small car park area on our site next to ASDA for safety reasons. Instead we have installed a pedestrian gate which can be used for children to walk in and out of. However, as a growing school of over 930 children, our first experience of this today showed that the mix of pedestrians, bikes and cars around that gate and on the ASDA car park is not a safe one. Therefore, from Monday 6th September, we will be amending the ways children enter and leave the school as follows:

## Mornings

Mornings are quieter as there is a naturally staggered arrival of children over a longer period of time. Therefore, children can come into school via:

- the pedestrian gate in the ASDA car park
- the gate at the top of the path next to the Astro pitches
- and now also via the Burns Avenue entrance at the side of the school

## End of the school day at 3pm

Children can leave via the gate at the top of the path next to the Astro pitches or via Burns Avenue. However, the pedestrian gate through into ASDA car park will be locked at this time. Children wanting to go to ASDA or meeting parents parked there should walk up the path and round using the pedestrian crossings on the ASDA site.

Apologies for the change of plans, but I hope you can appreciate that the last time we dismissed the entire school at 3pm was before Covid when we had significantly fewer children here. We are a very popular and therefore busy school which means we need to continue to adapt our procedures to ensure your children are safe and well educated.

Can I also take this opportunity to inform you about catering arrangements for our growing school? A free breakfast is available to all children in the canteen from 8am – 8.25am every day. We are now also serving food and drinks for sale from the canteen at breaktime. If you want to ensure your child has healthier options to eat rather than buying sweets on the way to school, please use the cashless catering system which will allow your child to buy something to eat at break.

These changes will be discussed with children during form time and in assembly on Monday morning.

Many thanks for your support,

Jon Bush,

Principal