



Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Health and Safety: Parking on the School Site from September 2019

WCC Health and Safety auditors visited school this week to monitor the school's compliance with statutory Health and Safety guidelines. They met with and were accompanied around the site by our Site Manager, Health and Safety governor, myself and the School Business Manager. We were pleased with the outcome of the visit and the report that followed stating that an 'excellent health and safety culture was demonstrated'.

As always there are a number of plans in place over the summer break and autumn term to improve the premises, particularly to start our extension to the KS1 playground, the area at the back which currently used as a small staff car park. Reclaiming this additional outdoor space will enhance our outdoor curriculum as well as ensuring more playtime space and opportunities for outdoor after school activities. Additionally, there are also plans to utilise the school bungalow as a quiet zone area for The Hive. It is always exciting to have the opportunity to improve the facilities we can offer and I know you will work with us to implement the changes needed for this new provision.

In order to create additional space safely we need to put in access restrictions to the school site so that children can move safely between buildings. The HSE advise that schools should always seek to 'keep vehicles and pedestrians apart' therefore governors, have approved the following changes to current parking on the school premises as outlined below.

- ❖ A new pedestrian gate will be installed as a designated route for children and families. **Please note:** High House Drive is a private road and whilst residents give permission for pedestrian access cars are not permitted. School has an agreement with the residents to use the road for service vehicles only such as refuse lorries and delivery vehicles at designated times of day.
- ❖ A new front gate will be installed on the lower part of the school drive with access for staff and visitor vehicles only. This is in line with the majority of Worcester County Council schools and restrictions will apply during the school day and The Hive hours.
- ❖ We must provide a disabled parking space for disabled and pregnant school employees and school will also provide the recommended space for named blue badge holders. Please note: blue badge holders are allowed by law to park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours if it is safe to do so.

Please work in partnership with us by:

- ❖ Cooperating with the changes and HSE's guidance to ensure that our we can create a 'safe site'
- ❖ Understanding that children may not be 'risk aware', so it is important that risk is reduced, properly managed, and regularly reviewed.
- ❖ Understanding that we cannot provide blue badge spaces for the increasing number of requests we have but that space will be provided during designated safe times on a first come first served basis.

Please ensure all adults who collect your child are aware of the changes from September. Thank you, in advance of your cooperation.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the governors,

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