



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Main School Gates

As part of the continual improvement to the security of the school site, we have installed an access control system to the main school gates (both pedestrian and vehicle).

From Tuesday 19 September 2017 our electronic gates will be fully operational and as a result, there are some new operating procedures, during the school day, that you will need to be aware of.

During the school day (8.50am – 3.20pm)

If you are visiting school or collecting your child during the school day, you will need to use the intercom system located next to the gate to request access from a member of staff. The same process will need to be followed by students who arrive after the gates are closed in the morning and before they open again at the end of the school day.

We would ask that parents avoid making any unnecessary visits to the school where possible. The school has contingency plans in place for most situations, from forgotten PE kits, cooking ingredients to water bottles etc.

If you need to pick up your child during the school day to take them to an appointment, please notify the school in advance, preferably by emailing absence@backwellschool.net or alternatively a written note.

At the start and end of the school day...

Access to the school site for drop off and collection will remain the same; If you drive your child(ren) to school, the gates will be open at the start of the school day and will be closed at 8.50am once students have arrived. Parents can access the school site from 3.20pm to collect their child(ren), so we would be grateful if you could time your arrival accordingly.

On arrival, please make your way to the drop-off and collection point in the **gravel 'overflow car park'**, which can be accessed via the break in the hedge at the back of the coach/car park (behind the Maths block). Students should not be dropped off or collected from the main coach/car park. Please ask your child(ren) to meet you at the collection point and also not to walk across the coach/car park for any reason. These arrangements make the site a safer place for both vehicles and pedestrians, as no pedestrian should need to walk across the flow of traffic to get to a car.

Please may we remind you **not to use Backwell Leisure Centre as a drop-off and collection point** for their children. It causes congestion in the leisure centre car park and prevents customers from using their facilities, as well as making it dangerous for parents with young children and babies. In addition we would ask cars not to use the neighbouring roads for this purpose as we have received complaints about congestion on surrounding streets. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

I am sure you will agree that this new system will greatly improve the safety and security of both students and staff and your cooperation is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher