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Dear Parents and Carers,

BUILDING WORK UPDATE / MORNING DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE

I would like to provide an update regarding our building work now that the exterior works are almost completed.

The final works to be completed to our exterior grounds include a short piece of guttering to be finished around the extension building, the new outdoor Nursery play area flooring and sand pit installation, and a scooter / bike store to be installed next to the Leen Mills Lane entrance gate. The outdoor Nursery play area was delayed having the flooring installed last week due to the snow. So we are hoping a date will be booked soon for the flooring to be completed, as we cannot currently use this space as a learning area until it is completed.

Now that the new exterior paths are completed, we can safely start to use this area for our children to walk around. Starting from Monday 13th March, we are going to start using the Leen Mills Lane gate again instead of the children entering and exiting through the main reception area.

All children in all year groups can now start using both the Bishops Way or Leen Mills Lane gates for drop off and collection, depending which is more convenient for families.

The drop off time will remain the same for both gates. The gates are unlocked from 8:35am and locked from 8:45am. If your child arrives after 8:45am, parents will need to come in to main reception and sign your child in as late.

The collection times will be slightly different for our Infants and Juniors. If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, **their collection time will be 3:25pm.**

If your child is in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 **their collection time will be 3:30pm.**

We are giving that five minute window to allow time for those parents who have siblings to collect from different collection points to be able to collect their younger child first at 3:25pm, then walk around to the KS2 playground to collect your older child.

Please note, to save congestion around the younger children's classroom exit gates, we are asking any parents who collect children from the Juniors to walk around to the playground, where your child will be waiting for you.

Both gates will be unlocked shortly before 3:25pm.

Miss Duong has created a video explaining the arrangements visually to help parents clearly see where they will drop children off and then collect them from. Miss Duong will upload the video to Class Dojo.

Parking and Road Safety

It has been brought to my attention that we have a small number of parents who have been parking dangerously on Leen Mills Lane, including letting children exit cars and go across the road by themselves. Please can I request that parents find a safe place to park and walk your child up to

the school gate for their safety. Please also refrain from stopping your car opposite the school, as this has been causing congestion on Leen Mills Lane.

I have also had a couple of reports that babies or younger siblings have been left in cars whilst parents walk their child in to school. Again, please refrain from leaving your baby or young child in the car when dropping your child off at school due to safeguarding reasons.

If you park on Bishops Way, please also check you are not blocking any of the neighbour's driveways and that you take care when parking.

I would like to thank our families who do always park safely and considerately towards others.

One of our school governors, Mr Albert Wilson, has also been liaising with the council regarding safety concerns when crossing the main road on Church Lane. The council have been unable to employ a school crossing patrol officer for this location. If families have any friends or relations who may be interested in this vacancy, please see the information below:

Via East Midlands is looking to recruit a School Crossing Patrol (Lollipop Person) to the site outside our school. If you would like to find out more information, you can use the link below, or contact Via on 0115 9774373, or by email: road.safety@viaem.co.uk.

To find out what current patrols like about their role in the community please visit Via's YouTube – Working for Via as a School Crossing Patrol – YouTube

<https://www.viaem.co.uk/services/road-safety/school-crossing-patrols/>

We also have road safety workshops booked for Monday 13th March to ensure we are continuing to educate our children in crossing roads safely and raising an awareness of general road safety. This is the time of year when we start allowing our Year 6 children to walk home without an adult, as part of their preparation for transition to secondary school. So the workshops will also support the independence of our Year 6 children and their road safety awareness.

I would like to continue to thank our staff, parents and children for everyone's patience and understanding throughout the time of our extension building works. We are very much looking forward to the final completion of all the exteriors work.

Kindest regards,
Mrs McNamara