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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope by now you have had a chance to come and see our fantastic new building and facilities. The whole site has been utilised to great effect and you can now see that the school's new sports facilities take up a large portion of the site; some of which are available for community use in the evenings, please see our website if you are interested in using the facilities:

[http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page\\_id=4827](http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=4827)

I am writing to outline some changes that will come in to effect as a result of the new site's layout.

As a consequence of the site's redesign we have had to create a new, secure perimeter line which means that access to the site throughout the day will now be fully controlled from the school's reception. This allows students to make full use of the school site during the day whilst also ensuring our safeguarding responsibilities are fully met. Consequently, if you are visiting school during the school day you will be required to request access via an intercom system at the gates.

The other concern we have had for some time regarding the safety of our students are the dangers posed in crossing the extremely busy Long Lane. We have been working with the Highways' department for some time now to look at safer solutions for students crossing Long lane as management of this is outside of our jurisdiction. Fortunately, they have agreed to install a new pedestrian crossing directly outside our current entrance to enable students to cross Long Lane safely. This will be installed during the October half term holiday. This is a really welcome measure but does have the consequence of preventing vehicular access via our current entrance.

Therefore, our current exit will provide both access and egress for vehicles before, during and after the school day however we will have to deny access to vehicles during the following time slots:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	8:10-8:45	2:15-2:45
Wednesday	8:10-8:45	3:15-3:45
Friday	9:10-9:45	2:55-3:35

This will affect you if you either drop your sons and daughters off in the morning or pick them up in the evening as you will no longer be able to access the school site in your vehicles and will have to drop them off nearby.

I appreciate this may affect parents' usual routines but these decisions have all been taken with the students' safety in mind which has to be our priority. We also now have lots of students cycling to school and the combination of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians on the site is causing some problems.

I hope you will see this as a positive step and it will ensure the safety of your children and will also allow them to make full use of our amazing new facilities securely.

Yours faithfully



**A Moorcroft**  
**Principal**