



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

CHANGES TO OUR SCHOOL SITE SECURITY

As you are aware the safety of the children at Banwell School is of paramount importance to us. We therefore constantly reflect on and question how we do things to ensure that our site is as safe as it can be. Following recent conversations both within school and with governors, we will be making the following changes from term 4 (Monday 19th February):

- **School Gates:** The main black “buzzy” gate, the top playground gate and the Littlefields Road gate will be locked at 3.45pm every day, following the school pick up. This will mean that After School Club & any extra curricular clubs happening after school will take place on a site that is fully secure.
- **After School Club (Playpals):** A new entry system will be in place for picking up from After School Club. Parents will need to use the buzzer on the top playground gate, next to the bicycle shed, to gain access. This will ring directly to the staff in After School Club who will manage entry on this gate. Whilst I appreciate parents will need to walk a little further up the drive to pick up, I am sure everyone will agree that this is a small price to pay for increased site security.
- **Extra Curricular Clubs:** Children attending these clubs (eg dance, tennis, JAM...etc) will be brought out to the black buzzy gate at the end of the club by the person running it. Please could we ask that all parents wait outside the gate, on the school drive for their children.

We will be introducing a further measure during term 4, when necessary work has been completed:

- **The School Drive:** A retractable bollard will be installed part way up the drive. It will be raised between 8.20 – 9.20am and 2.45-3.45pm every day. This will ensure that only pedestrians will be able to access the upper part of the driveway, outside the playground gates, at drop off and pick up times. We hope that this will make the area directly outside the playground much safer due to no traffic being present at the busiest times. We would encourage anyone who has a blue badge to please park in the designated disabled parking in the car park opposite school, where possible. Please speak to the school office if this will cause difficulty. We will send separate notification informing the school community when this final improvement will be made.

I trust that you will understand that all of these improvements are being put in place to improve the safety and security for your children at our school.

Best wishes,

Claire Pocock
Headteacher

