

22/06/2021

Dear Parents and carers,

As you may be aware we have had some travellers who arrived and settled on the grounds at the front of our school last night. We are working with the local authority, police and the trust to help move them on in an amicable manner.

PSCO Grant (our local travellers liaison officer) has spoken to and is aware of the family. Communications have been positive and it is our understanding that these individuals intend to move on Friday - with reassurances they will clean the area when they leave.

PSCO Grant has confirmed that the police at this present time are unable to move them on and subsequently we have confirmed that the trust legal department are dealing with the situation on our behalf.

We have expressed our considerable concerns about their vehicles close proximity to the schools fence / the safeguarding issues that this presence raises for our students and any possible subsequent disruption to their education. PSCO Grant will endeavour to be around the school site at the end of the day to show a police presence.

To minimise disruption and ensure safety in regards to our bubbles we have amended how students arrive and depart from school as follows:

- Year 7 - 8.35am - Art and Technology entrance (opposite One Leisure)
- Year 8 - 8.35am - Main school entrance
- Year 9 - 8.45am - Main school entrance
- Year 10 - 8.45am - Art and Technology entrance (opposite One Leisure)

Staff will have a high presence outside school at drop-off and pick-up times.

We would encourage all of our school community to demonstrate tolerance and respect in regards to these individuals and continue to maintain a positive dialogue until this issue has been resolved.

Many thanks,



Mr A Bissoo
Principal
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