



Barlaston First School

Weekly Newsletter

2nd October 2020



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Village Hall Car Park

I just wanted to clarify the situation regarding the use of the village hall car park by parents. Parents have parked on the car park for many years, although there has never been a written agreement put in place between the village hall committee and school, this has always been allowed to happen. The local authority visited the site a while ago, and deemed it dangerous due to children running around the cars, the lack of pavement along the Longton Road and the entrance and exit were considered to be a blind spot.

Before the building work on the village hall commenced, the village hall committee notified school that the gate would be shut and no one, for health and safety reasons would be able to park on the village hall or walk through. Last week the clerk of the village hall committee contacted me to say parents were not allowed to park there and we had a discussion about the locking of the gate. I am aware that this is causing a problem for parents who live along the Longton Road/park along the Longton Road, as they are having to walk all the way around to walk along the crescent.

We are looking at the option of access along the lane further on from the village hall car park, that leads to the top end of the school playground, (we are not sure yet if this is a private road or a public right of way). We are in discussions regarding the option of having the village hall gate open for drop off and pick up times only, but still asking parents not to park on there.

From a health and safety point of view, having the gate to the village hall car park locked, is of huge benefit to us. Members of the public use the path from the village hall gate to the crescent and vice versa as a cut through, even though it is not a public right of way. This has always been an issue as they are walking right along the side of the school fencing, past our reception class playground. This is something we have never felt comfortable with.

Please bear with us whilst we explore the options, and we will try our best to have a resolution to the problem as soon as we can. Thank you

Nursery and Reception Open Day

Saturday October 17th 10.00am -12.00pm

Please pass this information onto any friends or family with nursery or reception aged children. We wish to ensure everyone that we will be following COVID guidelines throughout the morning, and limiting the number of people looking around the building at one time, to ensure safety for all.

Best wishes
Mrs Clarey and Team