

31 October 2016

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a restful half term - I know that you will be busy this half term in preparation for Christmas!

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last half term. We had a great first half term, students' behaviour and attendance were excellent. We have had and will continue to have some challenges as the Leisure Centre build is expected to be completed by 2018. This has meant that we had a reduction in car parking space at the side of the Leisure Centre – in the long term available parking spaces should double. I am aware that this has some issues with regard to car drop off and pickup. I appreciate that some parents have found alternative drop off points but the roads on the surrounding estates are becoming very congested. May I please ask that you avoid using Stockdale Drive and Barrow Hall Lane as a drop off point as this is causing some issues with residents who have reported being blocked on their drive way.

Our car parking issue has been further exacerbated as the Local Authority carried out an upgrade to the foot path on Barrow Hall Lane which resulted in there being no parking available at all. School have tried to alleviate the issues with car parking by securing staff car park spaces on the former Barrow Hall Primary School site.

We returned to school this half term to find that Barrow Hall Lane will be closed from 19:00 hours to 00:00 hours from the 24 October for 2 weeks. The closure will have implications for the school as there is a planned **Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 3 November** with this in mind please could I ask parents coming to the school to make alternative parking arrangements. Access will still be available to the car park at the Leisure Centre via Billington Close.

As the dark mornings and evenings are now upon us, we urge our students to take care - whether walking, cycling or being dropped off by car.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mrs P Crawley

Headteacher

