Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Rear gate walking route into school will reopen after Easter

We are pleased to say that the rear gate walking route into school will be open again after the Easter holidays. **From Monday 13th April, children in all year groups can enter school using the rear gate at the back of the field.** The gate will open at 8.15am every morning and close at 8.30am, and there will be an adult at the gate to greet the children during this time. Important - you cannot use this entrance after 8.30am.

For further details including the location of the gate and how it works, please see the attached letter.

This is how the rear gate will work for the different year groups:

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
KS2 children can enter the gate on their own as before and walk across the field into school.

Children in Nursery through to Year 2
Early Years and KS1 children can enter the gate with a parent or carer and walk across the field, through the lower playground towards the car park, then up onto the top playground to wait for their class teacher, allowing enough time to get to the top playground for the whistle at 8.30am. After drop off, parents or carers must leave the school site through the front gates as the rear gate will now be closed. Please note, the path up to the rear gate is quite narrow in places. It will be fine for anyone on foot, but you might find it difficult with a pushchair or pram.

Please note, dogs are not permitted on the school site so cannot be brought across the field in the mornings. Thank you.

Rear gate volunteers
We have a small, but dedicated group of volunteers helping us keep the rear gate open every day. At the moment, members of staff are covering when a volunteer isn't available and some of our volunteers will be moving on from gate duty in the Summer. If you have some time and would be able to help going forward (and have an enhanced DBS check through the school), please contact the school office using admin@bridgewater.herts.sch.uk and we can add you to the rota. If you are able to help, but don't have an enhanced DBS check through the school, please get in touch so we

can arrange this for you. We need more volunteers to keep the gate open and would be very grateful for your help. Thank you.

We hope the rear gate proves helpful to lots of our Bridgewater families and that it will encourage more people to walk part or all of the way to school.

Kind regards,

Bridgewater School