Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Rear gate walking route into school

The rear gate is proving to be a successful route into school for Key Stage 2 children and we would like to extend this further. **From next Monday, the 16th of June, children in all year groups can now enter school this way and the gate will be open every day until the end of term.** 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 will work, please see the attached letter.

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

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.

Rear gate volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help us keep the rear gate open every day. At the moment, members of staff are covering when a volunteer isn't available. If you have some time and would be able to help (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. Please click here to see which days we have gaps. Thank you.

KS2 gate at the front of school

The member of staff who usually stands at the blue KS2 gate at the front of the school will now stand by the silver gates at the entrance to the bottom playground. This is so that the member of staff can welcome KS2 children into school, but also monitor parents and carers with children walking through the bottom playground up to the Early Years / KS1 drop off on the top playground. KS2 children should be dropped at the blue gate as usual and walk down to the bottom playground where they will be greeted by a member of staff.

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

Kind regards,

Bridgewater School