

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am just writing to clarify the implications of the new gate system for September 2020. As you are aware, we are introducing a system of “bubbles and zones” following DFE guidelines for reopening September 2020. We are not staggering school start and finish times to segregate different year groups of children. Instead, we are carefully introducing zones to ensure that each youngster only comes into contact with others from their bubbles. To achieve this, we needed to introduce a separate entrance/exit gate for each year group as explained in the September letter that you all should have received recently. We always recommend that wherever possible, children should walk or cycle to school. It is better for their health and it is a more sustainable way of organising one’s daily routine; our website has good advice concerning walking and cycling in safety (follow the link below).

[Journey to School Information](#)

Where this is not possible, and where school buses are not an option, I thought it would be helpful to give you a map of where all the different gates are and advise appropriately in relation to school drop off if you bring your child(ren) to school by car.

The Springfield car park is still the safest and best place for drop off by car. It is designed for that purpose and facilitates pedestrian access to school. Even though some parents will be tempted to drive into Paul Street or The Tynings, this must not happen as these 2 roads are really not suited for school drop off and doing so causes significant risk to all and inconvenience to residents. These 2 roads are indicated by red crosses on the map below.

The gates for year groups 7, 10, 11 and 6th form are all very close to the Springfield car park. 6th form will have to simply walk from the car park for one minute down the alley next to the school road to reach their dedicated Paul Street gate. On the map below, the alleyways around the perimeter of the school outside of the site are highlighted in grey and yellow in case your child is not sure where they are.

The gate for Y9 is a little further down the alley, it is approximately a 3 minute walk from Springfield car park to access the y9 gate in the alley close to the Tynings. I know that some parents drop their children off in the Co-op car park in Newlands Rd, this map will show you that it is roughly the same distance to walk to the Y9 gate as it is from the Springfield car park, even though it is a 3 minute walk to school with a safe pedestrian crossing and a traffic free alleyway, we would still recommend using the Springfield car park for Y9 drop off.

The gate for Y8 is at the bottom of S block accessible from the alleys or Station Rd/Grove Rd. Station Rd is a quiet road and it is possible to drop off a Y8 child there by the Corsham Cricket pitch to walk into school from Grove Rd. We would still as always recommend drop off in the Springfield car park so a Y8 child can walk safely down the alleys to the Y8 gate. Our gates are open from 8.15 every morning and we expect all students to arrive at school by 8.30 at the latest. This may mean that you need to think about timing your drive to allow an extra 5 or 10 minutes walking time particularly for Y8 and 9 students to reach their gate on time. If your child has very specific needs whereby the new gate system is physically problematic, please contact our Senco, Mrs Warr to discuss and resolve concerns (swarr@corsham.wilts.sch.uk)

