



IMPORTANT NEWS

Mayfield Primary School

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Welcome back for a new school year and hello to all our new children and families joining us at Mayfield.

A busy summer at school has seen extensive building work taking place as we make further tweaks to our setting in order to further develop our provision and offer and build upon the superb achievements of the last seven years. We will share more in the coming days but the most important news affecting yourselves is outlined below.

NEW AUTOMATED GATE ENTRANCE SYSTEM

A new automated gate system has been added to the front main reception/drive entrance of school over the summer. Inside the existing steel fences, we now have two additional gates that will remain closed until opened remotely from within the school. We have decided to introduce this measure now for two simple reasons.

1) SITE SAFETY. We have wanted to add further site security to front of school for some time now. As soon as we had the funds for the work, we have implemented the system. It doesn't need me to tell you how important site security is during the school day and like so many schools across the country we are enhancing our systems for everyone who spends their day in the school building and school site. We are able to keep gates on the playground side of school locked during the day but we could not, until now, do the same at the front of school. Now we have that same ability throughout the site.

2) OPENING NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. We have been restricted to how much we can use the front of the school site because of the access arrangements, the new automated system has allowed us to realign the use of the front lawn area and sustainability garden meaning we can now use it more often and for more children throughout the school day.

For the first week of school the gates will not be in operation whilst final work and training is complete. Then, from Monday 7th September the new electronic, automated gates will be in full use. Entrance can only be provided with permission from school staff via an intercom recognition system. For the vast majority of you, the only difference is when arriving on foot, via the main pathway, you will need to press the intercom bell and speak into the system and then the gates will open once approved by school staff.

The new gates mean we have reduced parking on site and we therefore discourage the use of parental cars on site to drop off and collect children during the school day. We ask that families park on the roadside where possible and reasonable rather than attempting to gain access to the car park. Clearly there are circumstances where entrance to the car park is required and necessary but this is now restricted unlike before and will need permission to enter the site.

Lastly, the new gate system, and the chance to develop the use of the front lawn area for the children, has meant a new plan for parental collection for the After School's Cool provision. Cars will now need to enter school via the front car park gate rather than the side car park gate. Staff will be on hand to help whilst the new system is established. It is straight forward just a change of gate. The automated system will not be used initially beyond 4.00pm whilst we establish everything and get everyone used to the new After School's Cool pick up arrangement.

We will pass further information, reminders and notices directly to families who use the After School's Cool provision.

We are going to trial how this new system works over the first half-term and will learn as we go. There will undoubtedly be teething troubles and unexpected problems to sort but bear with us and we will get there. We have our plans in place but recognise that once we see the reality of how it all works, we may need to alter bits here and there. The benefits of the new system far outweigh any inconvenience however.

Many thanks everyone and we will see how the new system develops in the coming weeks.

The Mayfield Team