



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

12th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. I have two items to bring to your attention:

School pick up

The pick-up has been much better since parents/carers have not been stopping on the short road up to school, or on the roundabout, to pick their children up; thank you.

Please follow the one-way system around the car park, only use designated spaces for parking (not hatched lines) and pick your child up near the student entrance, not whilst you drive around the car park.

A number of parents/carers want to arrive very early to be ready to pick their children up and are causing queues outside the school gates. These gates are timed to open at 2:10pm, 30 minutes before school finishes and plenty of time to allow parents/carers to arrive **once they open**. They are kept shut until this time to prevent unauthorised access to the site during the school day and to allow us to use the play spaces at the front of the school safely. I am concerned at the number of people queuing very early, and therefore blocking the access to the site for contractors and any emergency vehicles needing access at this time. Can I urge you not to arrive early for pick up; if you arrive at 2:50pm you will almost certainly get access to school with no queue at all and will be able to leave equally quickly.

Face coverings

Secondly, on Monday 10th May, the Prime Minister announced that face coverings are no longer recommended in schools for students from Monday 17th May. In line with this, I am lifting the expectation that students wear masks at all times indoors. Recognising that some students may wish to wear face masks in indoor spaces, I will allow this for the foreseeable future and keep it under review. However, students should **not** wear them in classrooms where other measures (students all sat down, facing the same way, with proper ventilation) reduce the risk of contamination significantly.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Nicholas Simms
Headteacher

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