

Friday 25th April 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Building Independence: New Morning Routine for Year 5 and Year 6

As we move through the academic year, we are constantly looking for ways to support our upper Key Stage 2 pupils in their transition toward secondary school. A vital part of this journey is fostering **independence, resilience, and self-confidence**.

With this in mind, we are introducing a new morning drop-off routine for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

Starting from **Monday 1st June** we ask that parents/carers drop off their children at the **main school gate** rather than accompanying them onto the playground or to the classroom door.

We want our oldest students to take ownership of their morning arrival—organising their belongings, navigating the school grounds independently, and entering the classroom ready to learn. This small change mimics the expectations they will face in Year 7 and helps settle any "morning nerves" through consistent practice.

- We understand that every child's journey toward independence moves at a different pace. **While we are encouraging a gate drop-off to build these skills, parents and carers are still welcome to escort their child onto the school grounds if they wish to do so.** Whether you choose to say goodbye at the gate or continue to the playground, our goal is to move toward a more independent routine as the term progresses.
- **There are no changes to the end of school day collection routine.**

We thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils become the most capable and confident versions of themselves. If you have any specific concerns regarding your child's transition to this new routine, please feel free to contact the school.

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