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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for Travelling to the new Oakmoor Site from 11th November 2019

As we prepare to transition to our brand new Oakmoor site on 11th November, I am writing to you with the following key points from our school travel plan, so that we can all plan our journeys to school to be as safe and sustainable as possible from day one.

- Enclosed is a School Access Map showing the walking and cycling infrastructure, the Park and Stride car parks and all the access points to the school site. Our School Council has worked with Hampshire County Council to develop this map and we hope that it will help to encourage all students to travel actively to school either by walking, cycling or scooting. If car travel is unavoidable, then we would encourage the use of the available Park and Stride sites. Car sharing with another family would also be a good way to further reduce the number of cars on the road at peak times.
-  There will be no access for students travelling by car on the school site at the start or end of the school day, so all students arriving by car will need to be dropped off and picked up from one of the Park and Stride car parks shown on the map. Keeping cars away from the gates helps to reduce air pollution around the school. The Budds Lane temporary park and stride car park opposite the skate park is scheduled for completion by 8th November. Bordon Infant and Junior Schools will be using these spaces, so it will be helpful if you could leave the area once you have dropped off or collected your child.
-  New Parallel Zebra Crossing - Road Safety Assemblies have this week been delivered to all our Year 7 and 8 students including specific information on the new Parallel Zebra Crossings on the mini-roundabout junction of Camp Road and Budds Lane. As this is a new road layout, it is vital that everyone gives this junction extra care and attention. Making eye contact with drivers and not entering the road until the cars have stopped in both directions will ensure it is safe to cross.

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 A pedestrian and cycle path from Oakley Road to a rear gate onto site is scheduled for completion on 1st November and a side access gate is available next to the Bordon Junior School entrance in School Lane. Both these gates will enable more students to walk or cycle to school using more direct routes and to spread the traffic away from the main school entrance on Budds Lane. These gates will be unlocked from 07:45am to 08:35am and again at the end of the school day.
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 If your child is planning to cycle to school, please ensure they have completed the cycle permit form, available from school reception. The new off-road route along Budds Lane is shared with pedestrians, so cyclists need to slow down around pedestrians, taking extra care around Infant and Junior children. People on foot should make space for cyclists to pass. Pedestrians can also use the footway on the south side of Budds Lane to create extra space for the cyclists on the northern school side footway, and then cross using the zebra crossings when necessary. Oakmoor School has enough cycle storage for 90 bicycles.
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 The speed limit along the whole of Budds Lane will be 30 miles per hour, but at school times an advisory 20 miles per hour speed limit will be in operation.
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 A detailed copy of the School Travel Plan can be downloaded from our new website from 11th November. In preparing for the school's transition to the new site, our travel plan work has achieved national Bronze standard accreditation and we hope to achieve Silver in the coming years.

With the transition of an entire secondary school of over 600 students on Monday 11th November, we all need to be aware that vehicle movements around our town will be unusual. I would encourage you to allow extra time for your journey.

Finally, I would like to thank the Hampshire County Council Travel Planning Team and, in particular Ellie Bolton, who has worked with our staff and students to create our travel plan. This is an important part of our move to our state of the art site as we begin a new and exciting phase in secondary education for our town.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Hemmings
Principal