STRANDTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTH ROAD BELFAST BT4 3DJ

16 May 2018

Dear Parent

The next phase of our building work is due to start. This will have considerable implications for the school site. I would urge you to read the following very carefully.

From the 23 May 2018 access through the Earlswood gate and Castleview gate will be for pedestrians only.

Please don't send your pupils onto the school site before 8.40am, unless you need to avail of the Breakfast Club service.

To get to the front of the school, from Castleview and Earlswood entry there will be by a new pathway constructed down the perimeter of the Year 4 playground. Parent volunteers will be available in the morning and afternoons to help direct pupils.

The Junior and Senior playground will be fenced off for building work in the days after the 23 May 2018. In the morning pupils go direct to their mobile or if in an indoor classroom can congregate on the new playground area on the front pitch. Doors will open to pupils at 8.45am and they are to proceed to class. In the event of inclement weather, the doors will open at 8.35am.

For afternoon collection, if you wish to meet your child on the school site, Years 5, 6 and 7 will be directed onto the new playground on the front pitch. From here you can proceed down the main driveway or exit at Earlswood and Castleview via the new perimeter path. If your child is in Year 4 they will be brought to a space at the end of the existing Junior Playground. The pedestrian access gates at Earlswood and Castleview will remain open.

All access via the front of the school, North Road, will be unaffected.

Pupils will be fully briefed on their routes to access and leave the school. Each class teacher will provide at an appropriate point information on the door the pupils will access/leave from.

We are currently working on relocating the scooter and bicycle racks and will update you in due course.

Please ensure your pupils have a suitable pair of pitch shoes in school, preferably in a soft bag for easy identification.

'Safety Sam' assemblies are being held in school to give information to pupils about the works ahead.

We will monitor the mobility of parents and pupils onsite in the weeks ahead to ensure it is operating as best as can be expected within the constraints put to us.

Many thanks for your support and understanding. I imagine teething problems in the weeks ahead but patience and partnership will see us through.

Yours faithfully

V Hutchinson (Mrs) – Acting Principal



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