

Autumn Term Update

Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As we finally arrive at the half term break, there are a couple of things I would like to draw your attention to which fall outside the brief for my weekly blogs.

Parking and Our Neighbours

In our anniversary year, I am proud of the relationship the school has with our neighbours, particularly those living very close to the school on Broadmead. I am very keen for these relationships to remain positive and would ask that we think carefully when parking along this road before and after school.

There are also safety considerations to think of as well. Given the nature of some of the parking I have seen, and that which has been reported to me, very close to the junction of Whitehill Road, I do worry at times for the safety of pupils as they cross the road and get out of cars as they are dropped off.

As winter draws ever closer and the weather worsens, the grass verges along Broadmead will also become muddy. If cars pull up onto these verges there is a risk that mud will be splashed onto the pavements making them slippery, particularly as they ice up.

It goes without saying, I have no ability to 'police' the parking outside the school grounds myself but would ask for your support and co-operation as we move forwards.

Relationships (and Sex) Education

I have mentioned, in various forms, the move forward with this new and compulsory aspect of the PSHE Curriculum which will become statutory from September 2020. As part of the development of the curriculum at Whitehill, I would like to hold a parent consultation. At this meeting we would outline the Government's plans and explain how we propose to deliver the content at Whitehill. It would also allow you the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification.

The proposed date for this meeting is **Wednesday 27th November** starting at **7.00pm**. Straight after half term, I will set up a way of registering your intention to attend using the parent consultation evening online system. Look out for details.

Thank you for all your support over the first eight weeks of the academic year. It has been a long half term and the pupils and staff are certainly all ready for a rest.

Best wishes,

Steve Mills

Headteacher