



Queen Elizabeth High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II we are limiting our external communications to essential operational information. In line with other public bodies and businesses, we will not update our social media for the period of national mourning. Information was shared in tutor time today that enabled conversations with students and paid tribute to the Queen's long public service. We are currently awaiting guidance for schools from the DfE and will be in touch with students and families when we have more information about the observations of national mourning.

Drop off and pick up

It is vital that parents/carers bringing children to and from school adhere to the speed limit in local residential streets, some of which are 20mph. There have been some 'near misses' for pupils. Please see below a reminder about arrival and departure procedures. There has been lots of vehicle movement in the car park in the morning. Ideally, we would ask families to drop their children off outside the immediate vicinity of the school due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic in the morning. However, if you do use our car park for drop off, we need to operate a flow system and there should be **no need to park up whilst dropping off**.

Arrival:

- We ask that you avoid vehicle movement in the immediate vicinity of the school as much as possible. This helps to reduce traffic on the surrounding streets where pupils are walking to the school site.
- If you do need to drop your child at school (in the car park), please drive safely and slowly (10mph speed limit) in the school car park.
- Please drive straight to the top of the car park, drop your child off at the walkway (not down the car park, please) and then follow the loop around the car park to allow the smooth flow of traffic.
- When leaving the car park, it would help us if you could **turn left** (allowing our pupils to cross the road safely under the guidance of staff).

Departure:

Due to an increased volume of traffic at the end of the day, we are asking for your support in limiting pick-ups on the school site, where possible.

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- If you collect your child, please try to make alternative arrangements to pick them up off-site and avoid the vicinity of Whetstone Bridge Road where students are departing the school.
- You can access and depart from our school car park at the end of the day but there are still a small number of student transport cars and mini-buses that will take priority and may still cause delays to departing cars.

I thank you for your understanding and support.

Financial Support for Families

We are aware that recent increases in the cost of living are adversely impacting many families. In the coming days, Ms Sparke, our Chief Financial Officer, will write to parents and carers to bring to your attention the sources of financial support that may be available to help families in meeting the costs associated with school, and to encourage you to apply for any funding or support that you might be eligible for.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton
Head of School