

Side entrance gate Management Plan

It is in the best interests of the school, and all the parents and children, to have this gate opened but the safety of the children is of paramount importance so this management plan will be strictly adhered to and if there are any breaches the gate will be locked again. This plan has been drawn up by the Principal and members of the Parents' Association and with the fullest support of the Board of Management.

Side entrance gate:

The gate will be opened between 8.45 and 9.15 each morning.

It will be opened from 1.30 to 1.50 to facilitate the infant home-time and again from 2.30 to 2.50 for the older children's home-time.

It may be opened to facilitate school activities during school time (i.e. walking to the church) but only under the supervision of one of the accompanying teachers and only to allow the children enter or exit.

The children will be brought out to the gate, by the Principal, and informed that the gate is only to be used by people walking, cycling or scooting to school. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are they allowed to be dropped out of a car on the road in order to enter through that gate. Nor will they be allowed to be picked up on the road outside that gate. They will be told to remind whoever drops them to, or collects them from, school of this fact. The children will be reminded of this periodically, as they are reminded of all road safety issues, in assembly and in class.

The parents will be told that the gate is only to be used by people walking, cycling or scooting to school. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are they allowed to drop children out at the side of the road in order to enter through that gate. Nor will they be allowed to be picked up on the road outside that gate. The parents will be reminded of this periodically, as they are all road safety and parking issues, in letters, texts and newsletters. They will be told that the gate will be locked if there are any safety breaches.

The Parents' Association is responding to the requests by parents to open this gate, with the full support of the Board of Management, and so will be organising monitoring of the gate. Parents will not be allowed to pull in to drop off or collect children at this gate. The Principal's office overlooks this gate and children will be reminded of that.