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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Closing the main gates to the shared driveway between Poplars Community Primary School
and
Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy**

We are writing to inform you that from 1/9/20 the gates situated at the bottom of the shared drive between Poplars Community Primary School and Northfield St. Nicholas Primary Academy will be closed between the hours of 08:15am and 4pm to those who are not staff, suppliers or pre-arranged visitors of the schools.

The driveway will not be accessible for parents to drop off or collect pupils unless they have a school issued permit to do so (i.e: due to a disability/school arranged transportation/specific circumstances pre-arranged/agreed with school senior leaders).

At busy collections and drop times the gate will be staffed and will not be opened unless for the exceptions listed above or in exceptional circumstances.

We request that parents/carers do not bring their vehicles onto this driveway for drop off or pick up of children. Please make alternate arrangements, using the public streets nearby to park up and walk your children onto the school site, ensuring you park with consideration for our school neighbours and others in our community.

This follows both schools receiving a number of complaints and concerns regarding the traffic transfers, traffic congestion, parking and the speed that some vehicles approach and transit the joint driveway.

This driveway needs to be a safe and calm environment for parents and pupils to use the walkway as a safe way to approach both Poplars main entrance and the EYFS entrance to Northfield St Nicholas (which is being reinstated as the entrance and exit point for their EYFS pupils and parents from September.)

As a result, both schools have conducted a review of the situation and feel, with the increased footfall of both parents and children along this important access route, that it will be necessary and essential that the gates at the end of the driveway remain closed throughout the school day. This will significantly reduce the risk posed to all pupils, members of the school communities and members of the public.

Anti-parking measures are also being implemented along the driveway to prevent parking or waiting of any kind. Only parking in the designated visitor bays will be allowed for pre arranged visitors.

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Please contact the school office if you require any further information on the matter.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that your children remain safe when they are at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I. W. Owens
Headteacher

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