

20 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Access to school: Working together to keep everyone safe**

Following a comprehensive safety review and considering carefully feedback received from our school community, both the front and back gate will be open at the start and end of the day.

Sandy Hill Academy actively encourages walking, biking or scooting to school and politely requests that cars are not used to access the rear entrance as it is a pedestrian/bike/scooter/disabled access point. The school is increasingly concerned over the level of inconsiderate and potentially hazardous driving behaviours making what is already a confined area more unsafe.

With regards to parents exiting the grounds in the morning after drop-off, we will use the front gate only from 8:30. We urge any parent who must drive their child to school to show due consideration and take responsibility for themselves and others at all times.

Looking at the map, created and measured with Sandy Hill pupils and Sustrans, you will see the vast majority of our families live within a walking zone and we would strongly encourage this to be the first choice of transport wherever and whenever possible, ideally at all times. We remain committed to reducing traffic and working together to keep our pupils safe.

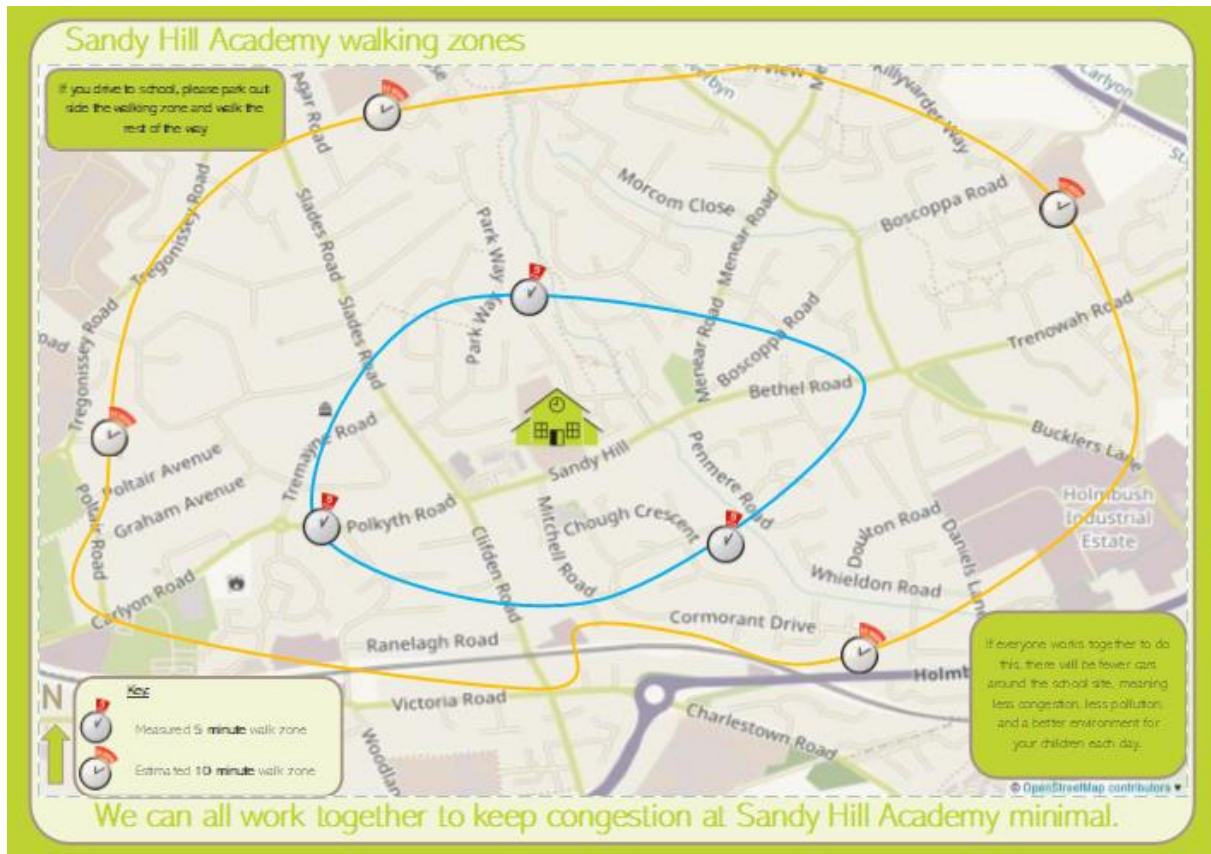
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Please note, that in order for this access to continue, behaviours must be considerate in order to keep our pupils safe. Otherwise, this dual access and exit point will need to be reviewed again.

**Morning:** Gates will open at 8:15, closing at 8:30. Parent exit after this point by the front gate only.

**Afternoon:** Gates will open at 2:50, closing again promptly after 3:00.

**Access to Nursery or Office:** Please use the fenced area at all times, in order to avoid pedestrians being in any part of the car park area at any time.

**Home Time Dismissal Change for Year 3 and Year 4 Pupils:**

In order to relieve congested areas in the playground, we will dismiss Year 3 and Year 4 pupils from the end of the new building, nearest the front gate. Signs will be on the first 2 classroom doors to clearly identify the Year 3 dismissal point and the Year 4 dismissal point. This will allow **Year 3 parents to wait in the large tarmacked area, inside and to the left of the main front gate.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs B Rundle  
Head of School