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Transport Safety Improvements – Islwyn High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the opening of the new school, it was clear that further safety improvements were required to promote the safety of pupils travelling to and from school.

As many of you will be aware, there are improvements planned on the highway outside the school which will be undertaken over the summer holiday. These improvements are summarised below:-

1. General Improvements

- There will be speed cushions installed prior to, and after, the main school entrance;
- A raised zebra crossing will be provided for pupils linking the safe route to school with the main school entrance;
- Permanent fencing will be installed along the walking safe route to school opposite the main school entrance;
- The main school entrance will be marked with the standard school “keep clear parking restriction” (yellow zig/zag’s);
- Pedestrian barriers will be installed at key areas on the school site to guide and maintain pedestrians on footways.

Double yellow lines will be installed on the highway directly outside the school which will reduce the amount of parking available for parents and carers. To ensure congestion is reduced and everyone avoids parking penalties, the following arrangements will be in place from the start of the new school year to support those dropping off and picking up their children.

2. Drop Off Arrangements

In the morning, parents and carers are encouraged to access the school site to drop off pupils. Bus bays will be marked 1, 2 & 3. **Lane 3 only** is to be used by individuals to drop off pupils who can then walk safely into school (bays 1 & 2 are reserved for school buses). Parents and carers are not permitted to park in the bays, they are provided for drop off only.

3. Pick up Arrangements

Parents and carers are encouraged to pick pupils up after 3.15 pm. You should access the school site and will be permitted to use all three bus lanes after 3.15 pm.

Parents are encouraged, if they are picking up younger siblings from nearby primary schools, to pick up those pupils first to arrive slightly later. Children will be permitted to wait for parents on the school site.

4. Monitoring

In order to safeguard children attending the school, everyone is asked to co-operate with the guidance provided in this circular. School staff will regularly supervise transport movements in and around the school site. In addition, council staff will also support with monitoring the situation next term to ensure that the safety measures taken remain effective.

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