



# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to remind you of some changes to the school's car parking facilities and access to the site from the 4<sup>th</sup> September. I wrote to consult you of the proposed changes in July.

As I am sure you are aware the school site has fairly open access to the public. Over the summer break we have developed our safeguarding provision further by developing our fencing and installed an electric barrier that will only allow access to staff on a fob/key card or via an intercom. Members of the public will not have unrestricted access to the school car park as at the end of last term.

We have restricted access to the school site for several reasons. Firstly, restricted access will enhance our safeguarding provision. Secondly reducing the number of cars on our site will improve health and safety conditions for our students. In simple terms, from the 4th September parents will not be able to drive onto the school site to drop off and collect children.

The current situation of an open carpark is quite unusual for schools and the proposed changes will put Darwen Vale High school in line with the majority of schools. For vulnerable students and those with profound medical conditions e.g. Wheelchair users, we will be issuing fobs/key cards, please contact the school should you require on [ckenyon@darwenvale.com](mailto:ckenyon@darwenvale.com). This will be done on a case-by-case basis. We took these proposals to our parental forum on 25th June 2024 and they were unanimously agreed.

Yours sincerely,

M Little  
Principal