



Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy

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Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Harvey Road - End of One-Way Traffic Trial

As you are aware, in collaboration with Bluecoat Primary Academy, Glenbrook Primary, Nottingham City Homes, Oak Field School and Greenfields Children's Centre, we have been trialing a one-way system involving traffic flowing along Harvey Road and out onto Wigman Road since the start of term. The vast majority of parents have supported this initiative and for this we are very grateful.

The trial has been successful in the most part but has also raised some concerns, particularly for pedestrians using Wigman Road. Our main priority throughout this period has always been the safety of the children accessing all sites. It is for this reason that, as of **Monday 24th September**, the Glenbrook gates will be closed and the traffic flow will return to normal on Harvey Road whilst we work with the council to make plans for the future. This will mean that all traffic may enter and exit Harvey Road via Beechdale Road.

Our efforts over the last few weeks have been successful in raising the awareness of Nottingham City Council who met with us this week and are committed to working with us to find a long term solution to the issue. They will also be undertaking some works during half term to reduce unsafe parking in the area.

During the trial we opened an online survey to take feedback from parents which was shared with representatives from the Traffic & Safety Development Department of the city council. We will open a similar survey when the traffic access has reverted to the previous arrangements in order for parents to share their views. We will take these views with us when we meet with the council again later this term to explore all scenarios for future traffic management in the area. One option that has been suggested is that, similar to the arrangements now in place at Glenbrook, we at Bluecoat Beechdale completely close general vehicle access to the Academy at key drop-off and pick-up times if it is deemed too dangerous to have vehicles around the large number of children entering and leaving the site on foot. We will continue to monitor the situation and be sure to inform you if these measures are required to come into effect.

To reduce traffic issues, I must insist that cars do not park on the double yellow lines on Harvey Road. I would also suggest that, unless you are stopping for a meeting with Bluecoat Beechdale Academy staff, you avoid driving down Harvey Road to our Visitors' car park. There is not enough space for cars to wait or turn around here at the end of the academy day.



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We encourage our Bluecoat Beechdale Secondary students to develop the lifeskills required to travel independently to the academy. We recommend students walk in groups with friends. There are many recommendations for ensuring students are active enough. Walking to and from the academy is an excellent way for students to get more of this beneficial exercise.

If it is not practical for students to travel independently to the site, I would like to suggest that parents make arrangements to pick up secondary age students from an alternative place that is perhaps only a short walk away from the Academy. This would make it is easier for parents or carers to head off on their way once their children have walked to the car. I am very grateful to Harvey Haddon Sports Village for their suggestion and agreement that parents may wait in their car park. This is accessed from Wigman Road (NG8 4PB for sat nav). Parents of primary and secondary aged children are welcome to leave their cars in this space and walk to the Primary Schools to collect their children.

Parking spaces on Harvey Road are very limited. Therefore, **we strongly urge you to avoid using Harvey Road as your usual route from now on.** Harvey Hadden Stadium is a short walk away and offers lots of parking. Obviously, for blue badge holders, this may not be possible so if this applies to you please feel confident in using your normal methods.

Please can we remind all road users to be careful and considerate towards others whilst driving near to all of our local schools and academies.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Elder