Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to exit arrangements at the end of the school day from Tuesday 3rd May 2016

You will be aware that for some time we have not allowed students to enter the school site using the Maidstone Road entrance. This has enabled us to keep a much better check on students’ punctuality, appearance and behaviour on the way into school.

We have now made the decision that the gates on Maidstone Road will remain closed at the end of the school day. The reason for this is that we have for a long time been concerned that, in their haste to catch buses, students sometimes run straight across the busy Maidstone Road rather than using the pelican crossing, located near to the corner of Letchworth Avenue. This is of course a genuine concern, since the consequence of a misjudgement or slip by a student on the road could be catastrophic.

The location of the pelican crossing is more convenient for pedestrians proceeding down Letchworth Avenue than along Maidstone Road and as a result we believe will be better used by students.

We know that some students find it convenient to use the Maidstone Road exit and that it might take a minute or two longer to walk from the Letchworth Avenue exit to the bus stop; however we are sure that you will agree that a minute or two of inconvenience is preferable to the risks being run by students at present.

The time of the end of the school day will remain 3.05 and the bus times will not be changed, however we will remind staff that students need to be released promptly at 3.05 in order that they do not miss their bus.

Thank you for your understanding and support

Yours sincerely

Richard Gardner
Assistant Principal