

# THE LEIGH ACADEMY



10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

JCO/JHR/Safety/CPark

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Safety Onsite – Car Park**

I am writing to ask for your help in ensuring the safety of all as they arrive at and leave the academy site. Please read the following carefully:

### **The ‘Park and Stride’ Initiative**

This is a simple idea for families who live further away, to enjoy the benefits of walking to the academy and to avoid congestion in the academy car park. If you drive your child to the academy, we are asking you to consider parking 5 or 10 minutes walk away from the academy and encouraging your child (and you if you wish) to complete their journey on foot.

This has several benefits, namely in terms of reducing congestion in the car park, encouraging your child to exercise on the way to the academy and reducing the risk of accidents in the car park.

### **Parking in Goals**

Along with this initiative, we are asking parents/carers who decide to continue dropping their children onto our site that they drive into the entrance and then drop their child at the Goals end of the parking area and then easily ‘loop’ back out through the exit. This will allow students to walk through the pedestrian gate into The Leigh Academy end of the car park without the risk of being run over by other parents pulling up close to the building. The gates into The Leigh Academy end of the car park will be open until 8:15am to allow staff to park but, after that time, parents will only be able to access the Goals end of the car park. There is provision available to students with mobility issues and/or with a ‘blue badge’, please contact your year group ‘bubble’ admin office to discuss further details.

Whilst we acknowledge that there may need to be a period of adjustment to get this right, I am requesting all parents/carers to support us in this two-pronged initiative for student’s well-being, health and safety.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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