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School gate update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our letter earlier this year regarding the closure of the Queens Road gate, we would like to provide an update to parents and carers.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their views and feedback. We recognise that the closure of the gate has had an impact on some families and we appreciate the constructive comments and suggestions that have been received. We will be making contact with local, relevant authorities to explore some of the concerns raised regarding the local roads. We will communicate any updates about these through our newsletters.

Since the gate was closed, the matter has been discussed further with the Local Governing Body. Governors have carefully considered the feedback from parents alongside the safeguarding responsibilities of the school. After reviewing the arrangements currently in place, the Local Governing Body fully supports the school's decision that the Queens Road gate should remain closed.

As outlined previously, this decision is based on safeguarding considerations. Our priority is, and always will be, the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff and families. The safeguarding risk assessment identified that we are unable to provide sufficient supervision of both the Queens Road entrance and the adjoining passageway at all times. For this reason, we believe that maintaining a single point of entry and exit via the High Street gate remains the safest arrangement for our school community.

We understand that this may be disappointing for some families and appreciate your continued understanding. While we will continue to review site security and operational arrangements as part of our ongoing safeguarding procedures, there are currently no plans to reopen the Queens Road gate for daily access.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work together to ensure that St Mark's remains a safe environment for all children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Wright
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Liz Watson
Chair of Governors

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Deputy Headteacher

