



SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Numerous concerns have been raised recently by parents/carers, visitors, staff as well as pupils over the safety of car park arrangements at the High School.

The safety of pupils is of paramount concern and representatives from the School, the Police, SBC Health and Safety and SBC Roads Department have met to discuss the best way to reduce the potential conflict between moving vehicles and pedestrians. The following recommendations have been made which we will introduce from April 16th, after the Easter holiday.

- **School Entrance:** On the advice of SBC Health and Safety, SBC Roads Department will be introducing Gates at the High School Car Park entrance which will be closed to all vehicles other than staff from 8.30 - 9.00am and from 3.30-4.00pm
- **Taxis** All SBC School Transport taxis will now drop off and collect students from the car park area at the rear of the school.
- **Drop off by parents' car** This will no longer be possible in the school car park, either at the front or to the rear of the school. We understand these safety improvements may require some of our parents to make alternative arrangements when dropping off and picking up students. We apologise for this but in balance with safety advice, we feel we have no choice. There are of course parking opportunities in the area around the school.
- **Students arriving by car** Students who drive themselves to and from school must find alternative parking outside the school grounds. This is to minimise the number of moving vehicles at arrival/departure times and is consistent with approaches taken at secondary schools across the Borders.
- **Buses** No change to arrangements for buses have been recommended although increased supervision will now be put in place.
- **A7** The transport of pupils to and from school is the responsibility of parents and carers. However, we are aware that sections of the A7 pavement are narrow and we recommend parents discuss alternative routes if at all possible. SBC Safety and Roads Department are pressing Amey/Transport Scotland to review the safety of the A7 at the school entrance.

Yours

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