



Drop off and collection procedures

Before and after school

At the beginning of the day, at 8.40am, the classroom doors will open and pupils will be able to walk straight in. This can happen anytime between 8.40am and 8.55am which is the official start of the school day. The gates will be locked shortly after 8.55am and any pupils who are arriving late need to enter the school via the office. Between 8.40am and 8.55am, pupils will complete early morning activities. We respectfully request that you do not arrive at school earlier than 8.40am (unless dropping off your children to the Nursery or Early Bird club).

At the end of the day, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be collected from outside their classrooms at 3.10pm and Years, 3,4,5 & 6 will be collected from the top playground at 3.15pm – of course you can wait on the playground to collect siblings. Teachers from Reception to Year 4 will let your children go when they have seen you – for pupils in Years 5 & 6, we ask that you follow the link below to complete an online 'permission to walk home' form.

<https://forms.gle/YoG5hzGdvcFE6xbZ7>

If no-one is there to meet them we tell them to come back into the building. We then know that your child is safe and we can make phone calls to get someone to collect them. It is very important that you ensure we have up-to-date contact details for people caring for your child.

Please let us know if the usual arrangements for collecting your child from school have to change e.g. you are ill or start a new job etc. This is especially important for younger children so that staff release your child to the appropriate adult.

For Health and Safety reasons children are not allowed to play football or to play on the play equipment on the school grounds before or after school.

Drop-off and collecting by older siblings

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure your child is dropped off and collected by a responsible person if it is not safe for them to walk unsupervised. The suitability of a sibling caring for your young children is a decision you will make based on careful consideration of all the factors involved.

Late collection of children

If you or the person collecting your child from school will be late or are stuck in traffic please phone us. We will tell your child and have them wait safely in our Reception area until you arrive.

If you wish your child to be collected by someone who does not have parental responsibility you must give us this information / permission verbally or in writing.

Non-collection of children

In the unlikely event that children have not been collected from school at 3.15pm and we have not been able to establish contact with parent / carers by 5.00pm, the school would have to follow child protection procedures. This will involve informing the police and making a safeguarding referral to Children's Services.

Safeguarding Children

If an adult arrives at school and staff here are concerned that their presentation suggests they are unable to offer safe care to the child, we may have to take steps to clarify the situation and assess the risk to the child. This may involve the above safeguarding procedures.

Children walking to and from school alone

There is no set legal age at which children can walk independently or be left alone. However we all need to ensure children are not placed at risk. If you wish your child to walk to and from school alone you will have assessed the risks associated with the route and your child's confidence and will have worked to build their independence.

Cycling to and from school

It is your decision whether or not your child cycles to school. However we are very concerned to know that your child has received training to enable them to be safe.

Children should wear a helmet and get off the bike and push it through school grounds to the bicycle shed.

Scooters

Again it is a parent's decision to allow children to ride scooters to school. Scooters must not be ridden on school property either before or after school so that the safety of other people is not compromised.

Parking

We are concerned for our children's safety and yours. If you do need to drive your child(ren) to and from school please use the car park in front of the Laureate Academy Learning Centre (6th Form block!) and walk round to our playground. The entrance is a little further up Gadebridge Road at the turn in.

Do not park on the road/pavement or drive onto our school premises. We ask that you respect our neighbours.

Dogs on School Premises

Gade Valley School have agreed that NO dogs (or pets) are allowed on our school grounds - this includes carrying small dogs onto school premises.

Smoking

We have a non-smoking/vaping policy at Gade Valley Primary School.