

Tuesday 28th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to write to let you know that we have finally had planning permission for a new build to add to Danum's existing facilities. This means that by next year, there will be a fantastic new sports hall for students, along with some great changing facilities. There will also be 11 brand new classrooms, equipped to a high standard. This will be placed at the front of the school where the current car park is, so will be a lovely new building to head up the school. I'm hopeful we can share a video soon from the contractors so you can really visualise what this will offer the students.

Now, such a large build in our front yard doesn't come without disruption and mess, along with hazards we will have to avoid. This means there will be changes to the way that your child will be accessing the school in order to keep them safely away from any building works. From **Thursday the 30th of June**, there will no longer be any pedestrian access via the front of school, meaning that the pedestrian access by the Sportsman Pub and by the driveway will be closed off. **The only way that pupils will be able to access school now is through the pedestrian gate on Leger Way**, next to the footbridge. This will remain in place for the foreseeable future. If your child is late to the academy, they will need to buzz in at the footbridge gate, and follow the instructions for signing in. Being on time is very important, so please reiterate that they need to get to school on time to avoid this.

This also means that it will not be possible for you to collect your child by car from the car park of school, as it will no longer be accessible. The only cars that can enter the site will be organised taxis for students with mobility concerns or additional needs, or in pre-arranged instances due to emerging injuries. School teams will have been in touch if this links to your child.

Since we will not have the facility for parents to wait in reception at the front of school when arriving unannounced, it is really important that you contact school via email at enquiries@danum.outwood.com and arrange a meeting or a telephone call prior to coming to school to prevent you having to wait in inclement weather.

This is an exciting time for the students and staff at Danum, and whilst it will bring some short term challenges, we know it will be worth it to see our children receive the excellent facilities they deserve. If you have further queries, please contact the school who can direct your query to the appropriate staff member. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Mandy Crane
Principal