



**EMMANUEL COLLEGE**  
*Emmanuel Schools Foundation*

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Dear Parents and Carers

The challenge of ensuring the safe arrival and departure of students is not new to us at Emmanuel. With around 1600 people in College each day on a site bounded by two busy roads and residential areas, adhering to shared systems becomes very important if we are going to ensure that student movement is safe and efficient.

We continue to press Gateshead Council for their support in improving the entrance to and surface of the large Watergate Park car park. I know that many of you are very disappointed by the slow progress with this work and I can only assure you that we are doing all within our power to move this forward. Despite the difficulties with the Watergate Park car park and the need for improvement, it remains our view that this is still the best place to park and meet students if you are collecting your children by car.

We remain concerned about the density of students on the footpaths outside College and the safety of students when crossing both Consett Road and Whickham Highway. As such, from Monday, students will leave College using only Granary Gate and the Watergate Park Gate. They will not be permitted to use the main pedestrian gate at the front of College. Students have been informed today of these arrangements and I attach the slides from the presentation shared with students, for your reference.

May I remind you that students must not cross Consett Road anywhere but at the pedestrian crossing. This is the case at all times and even when they are accompanied by a responsible adult or parent. We have the same expectations for staff.

May I also remind you that no one, neither staff nor students, may cross the main vehicular entrance to College on foot. Again, this is the case for all students and also for staff.

These rules do appear restrictive and are very specific but are in place to ensure the safety of all children at Emmanuel College and also, so that we are able to be good neighbours to the residents and businesses in our local area. I would ask you to do all you can to support us by talking about these rules with your children and by upholding these expectations yourselves.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Waterfield  
**Principal**