



**EMMANUEL COLLEGE**  
*Emmanuel Schools Foundation*

30 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Due to ongoing concerns about the safety of pedestrians and traffic management around the College, particularly on Whickham Highway, we have been informed by Gateshead Council that from Monday 3 October 2022 we are no longer able to use the gate that allows students to come onto site from Whickham Highway, near the entrance to Watergate Park. This means that students will need to enter the College site via the top gate on Consett Road if they have travelled to College by car or public bus. We will continue to have a staff presence on Whickham Highway near this gate to support students as they arrive to College in the morning.

The safety of students as they arrive and leave is paramount, and can I therefore remind parents that if your child is travelling by car, Watergate Park should be used as a drop off and collection location, rather than the housing estate roads adjacent to College. Students should **ONLY** cross Consett Road using the pedestrian crossings, using the lights to cross when they indicate it is safe to do so.

Thank you to those parents whose children require the scholars bus for completing the online form. We will now start to print and issue the passes that need to be shown on an evening as they travel home. To confirm, these passes are not issued by NEXUS and do not permit travel without payment nor do they need to be shown on a morning. The passes will allow us to accurately monitor the number of students requiring each bus, so that we can continue to work with NEXUS to aid the improvement of the service they provide to our students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hooker

**Vice Principal**