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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

School Gates

As you will have seen, we have new electric gates installed which will tighten our site security and improve safeguarding for our whole community. On numerous occasions, gates have been left open and/or unlocked by adults and students entering during school hours, this is a big concern for us especially for students with diverse needs who are not road safety aware.

For your information, in the morning the pedestrian gates will be open from 8:15am, At 900am: the side pedestrian gate by the Hall and Evanda Cres pedestrian gate will close At 9:00am: the Evanda Cres pedestrian gate will be closed At 2:50pm both pedestrian gates will reopen for afternoon collection.

Throughout the day the Evanda Cres gate will continue to be the entry for visitors / parents/carers to drop-off and collect pupils or drop-off lunches for students etc.

When the gates are closed, an intercom system will allow parents/visitors to call reception, as in the picture below. We have two intercom systems, one located on the vehicle entrance gates and one on the pedestrian entrance gates.

By pressing the intercom: the visitor will be connected to office staff who will then enable the gate to open.

The pedestrian exit is operated by a push button, which will be operated by the office staff during school hours.

The vehicle gates are for staff vehicles only. The vehicle exit is operated by detection from a ground mechanism, please do not get too close to the gates as they are opening. Unauthorised vehicles will be requested to leave the site.

Exceptional care needs to be taken when entering or exiting the site at all times. As with any new installation there will be teething problems and we will be monitoring this closely over the next few weeks to ensure any issues are resolved quickly.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

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Raj Dullabh - <u>Tumuaki - Principal</u>

