## Hart Plain Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you to inform you of some changes after Easter.

## Building Works - No car access for parents and different entrance

After Easter significant building works will commence at Hart Plain Junior School for a number of months. This will mean some changes regarding entrance and exit points on to the site. The Milton Road gate will be closed at all times and there will be <u>no access available</u>. Entrance on to the site will be from Hart Plain Avenue through the main front gates and side gate near the infant playground. Due to the increase of foot traffic, as a safety measure, we are closing the car park for parental access. There will therefore be <u>no site</u> <u>access to parents by car</u>. We understand this will be difficult for some of our parents but I am sure you will agree and understand that we have to put the safety of our children first.

## Traffic Management HCC

During the coming weeks, Hampshire County Council (HCC) will be installing two sets of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras along Hart Plain Avenue. The aim is to make the road safer for the community and residents, and to prevent drivers from stopping in restricted zones. Road signs along Hart Plain Avenue will be updated to reflect this change and to ensure they are clear and fully compliant with the Department for Transport regulations.

The Government has recently granted new powers to local authorities enabling them to undertake civil enforcement of traffic restrictions with a fine. Traffic restrictions include parking on school 'Keep Clear' markings, yellow box junctions or banned turns. After a review of the roads, HCC have identified a number of key locations that would benefit from ANPR cameras, this includes Hart Plain Avenue.

The two columns required for the installation of the cameras have already been installed at The Cowplain School, with cameras due to be connected on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. The two remaining columns outside of the Hart Plain Schools site are due to be installed on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, with the cameras due to be connected on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

After connection, there will be a period of robust testing before the cameras go live. Once live, drivers who breach the parking restrictions will be issued a penalty charge notice of £70.

With three schools in the vicinity, there is already a large amount of congestion during school pick up and drop off times. Hart Plain Schools are committed to making the local community as safe as possible and encourage families to walk to school wherever possible. Where this is not possible, please try and park further away and walk in.

To keep up to date with further developments please visit <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/anpr-locations</u>

Yours sincerely,,

Mrs Faithfull and Mrs Peckham Head teachers of Hart Plain Junior and Infant Schools