

Traffic Management at St. David's High School

The following procedures will apply:

1. The importance of road safety outside, and traffic safety on site, will be reinforced regularly via tutor group periods and assemblies.
2. At peak times, (before school, after school, break and lunchtime) staff will be deployed to supervise the front and rear entrances / exits and the side entrances / exit leading to the pedestrian footbridge (see Duty Rota for details).
3. At the end of school, staff will supervise the footbridge, the pelican crossing, the school entrances, the corner of St. David's Terrace and the students boarding buses. A team leader will monitor this on a daily basis.
4. During the lunchtime, Year 11 students will be allowed to go off site. A letter will be sent to parents explaining the associated risks and making it clear that the school will not be held responsible in the event of personal injury or mishap.
5. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, Year 10 students are permitted to leave the site to go to the Youth Club. This must be accessed via the footbridge. No other students may leave the site at lunchtime unless a letter has been received from parents to say the student is going home for lunch or there are 'unusual' circumstances; a medical appointment for instance.
6. Students, pedestrians and drivers will be aware that a maximum speed of 10mph is permitted on site. This is printed onto the tarmac at both entrance / exit points.
7. Students taking the bus home at the end of the day will observe the bus bay signs. Staff will supervise this (See Duty Rota). Buses will be required to park side on to the crash barriers and bays numbered 1 to 3. This should ensure safer boarding and alighting procedures as students will not have to walk 'around' the bus.
8. Students entering and leaving the site via Kynaston Drive will be required to follow the 'Virtual Pavement' route painted on to the tarmac and the pedestrian gate. The traffic gates at this end of the site will remain fully locked between the hours of 9.15am and 2.45pm. This will ensure that no vehicles enter the site between these times. It will also prevent students from entering or leaving the site via this rear entrance. Consequently, student movement during the working day can be monitored both from the main office and via a CCTV camera trained on the St. David's Terrace gate.
9. Parents will be encouraged not to park their cars on the bus turning area at the Kynaston Drive entrance.

At the front of the school (St. David's Terrace) it would be possible to insist that no pedestrians use the main gate and instead use the Chester Road / footbridge entrance and exit. This would involve hundreds of students using a narrow pavement along a major traffic route. Our assessment is that this would pose a greater risk with so many young people using a narrow pavement at peak time.