



Batley Grammar School

Mrs B P Tullie
Head

25 November 2010

Dear Parents

I would like to bring a few items to your attention.

School Closure in Case of Snow

As we saw the first few snowflakes fall this morning it seemed an opportune time to update you with regard to our snow procedures.

In the case of heavy snow, and the possible closure of the school, parents are advised to check the school website, www.batleygrammar.co.uk. Radio Leeds will be contacted and will issue regular bulletins. Parents for whom we have mobile numbers we will contact via our new text messaging service. Parents may also ring school after 7.30 am if they are in doubt. We will make every effort to keep the school open, and please assume this unless announcements are made to the contrary. We would only close the school when the weather is so bad that, coming to school, would compromise the safety of our pupils and staff.

Vehicular access to school and parking on school grounds

Recently several incidents involving parents' vehicles both on and in the immediate vicinity of the school premises have caused us very serious concern, and all of these have been potential accidents just waiting to happen.

I would therefore like to bring the following to your immediate attention and would ask you to rigidly adhere to them, otherwise the safety of our pupils, your children, is at serious risk.

- Car drivers should not be parking or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. I recognise that this is the public highway, which is not our jurisdiction, but this is dangerous and would have no alternative, if there was no improvement, but to contact the traffic police for their assistance.
- All cars travelling on site should adhere to the speed limit signs and travel at 5 mph.
- Parents of children in Priestley House should be the only ones driving onto and parking on the front tennis courts at the end of the day to collect their children. Parents of children in senior school should park off site at an appropriate place on Carlinghow Hill. We currently close the gates to the front tennis courts for Health and Safety reasons between 9.15 am and 3.15 pm but may have to consider a permanent closure if the reported situation does not improve.

Free School progress

We are currently progressing with the business case for the Free School (Academy). I am sure that at least one of the recent articles in the Times Educational Supplement, the Yorkshire Post or the Batley and Birstall News may have come to your attention.

Unfortunately some newspapers don't always get their facts correct when reporting or they may use less recent information. We have a Free School section on the website to which we are regularly adding information and updating.

September 2011 admissions for Years 7 and 12

If you or anyone you know is wishing to apply for a place for their child to enter either Year 7 or Year 12 in September 2011 then please be advised of the following important dates:

Year 7 Assessment testing for external candidates: Saturday 11 December 2010

Final date for Year 7 registrations for testing: Wednesday 1 December 2010 4pm

Final date for Year 12 registrations: Monday 17th January 2011 4pm

Registration forms have been sent out to everyone who has expressed an interest, but they are also available by contacting the General Office: 01924 474980.

As we approach the end of term there are a number of events for you to attend, all of which are on the school calendar on the website. My staff and I very much look forward to seeing you at one of these.

Yours sincerely



B P TULLIE (MRS)
Head