

22 July 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: 'Pick Up & Drop Off' Arrangements – September 2022

As our school continues to grow, it is important that we review our 'Pick Up and Drop Off' arrangements to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and above all, safe. As you will be aware, the driveway leading down to our school site is very narrow. Additionally, there is limited on-site parking available. Having reviewed this situation over the course of the last few months, it has become apparent that each day the driveway is becoming 'gridlocked', which is leading to dangerous manoeuvres being performed as well as school buses not being able to access the WEST SILC car park.

Additionally, I have recently received a letter from The Farnley Academy's 'Environment Group' who have been monitoring the pollution levels each morning. The key point made by this group is a strong one – 'given that 98% of students walk to school, why should these students have to breathe in pollution from vehicles dropping off just 2% of students'.

Whilst we do fully accept that it is not possible for all students to walk to school, we do believe that it is now time to put in place a more appropriate 'Pick Up and Drop Off' arrangement. Working alongside our local Councillor, Councillor Forsaith, we will be putting in place a new arrangement for September 2022 as outlined below:

- The school site will be closed at the beginning of the day between 8.05 am and 8.35 am. It will then also be closed at the end of the day between 3.25 pm and 3.50 pm on a Monday, and 2.35 pm and 3.00 pm Tuesday – Friday. Only vehicles of The Farnley Academy, WEST SILC, or those with prior agreement from the Principal will be permitted access to the school site during these times.
- To support a safe 'Drop off and Pick up', we will be asking parents / carers to drop off and pick up their child on Hall Lane. Hall Lane is a wide road located just a short walk from our school site and is shown on the map over the page. The route between Hall Lane and The Farnley Academy will be staffed each morning and afternoon to ensure that everyone is able to get to and from school safely. Importantly, it is essential that I remind all parents / carers that it is illegal to stop directly outside a school as indicated by the yellow markings on the road. Additionally, we continue to ask that parents / carers do not use 'The Maples' estate as a pick up / drop off location. Please support the safety and well-being of our community by dropping and picking your child at the location stated above.

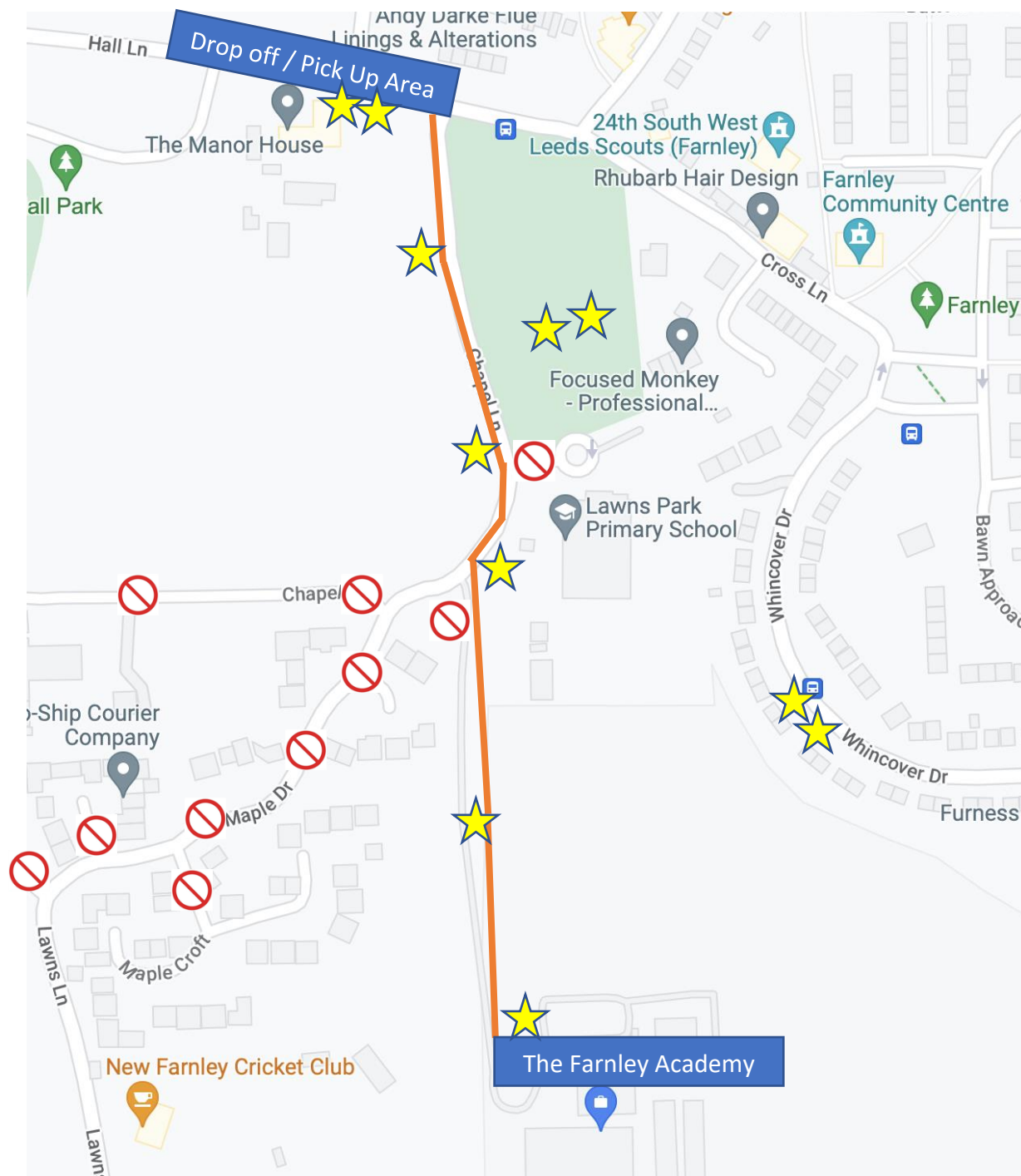
If for medical reasons, your child needs to be dropped off directly on the school site, please email info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk. Your request will be reviewed and where approved, a temporary / permanent school site pass will be provided. This will need to be shown to staff on the gate each day.

I very much hope that you will be supportive of this arrangement and understand why, in keeping our whole community safe and healthy, it is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact one of our Community Engagement Officers using the email address shown above.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal



Key:

-  Member of staff
-  Route to and from the 'Drop Off / Pick Up Point'
-  Please do not pick up or drop off in these areas.