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Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned works to the Peace Centre site

We write to you with reference to planned works by Warrington Borough Council on the Peace Centre, which is situated opposite the main entrance of our school.

The council have purchased the Peace Centre site, which includes the surrounding roads and parking space infrastructure and they plan to open an adult SEND provision for Warrington in a renovated Peace Centre building.

The plans put forward will undoubtedly affect the ability of the current volume of parents and carers to drop off and pick up their children by car before and after school, hence why we are ensuring you are aware.

The council's proposals include removing access to the Peace Centre turning area that parents currently use as a turning circle and to park / wait. This access will be replaced with an extension to the Peace Drive road where a small turning circle will be created that will be extended into the wooded area at the end of Peace Drive.

However, this will be for traffic 'movement' only and not for parking or waiting. This effectively means that Peace Drive will have no parking or waiting areas available other than a small temporary drop off and pick up layby area to the left of this extended road – we do not expect this layby to accommodate more than five or six cars. Parking will no longer be available on kerbsides, as this will completely block Peace Drive.

St Gregory's do not own, operate or have responsibility for any of the roads outside of the school grounds, but we do appreciate just how useful these roads are to our pupils and parents to ensure a convenient way to drop off and pick up your children. St Gregory's have raised significant concerns about the planned restrictions to accessing these roads and pathways and the council have worked constructively with the school to find a solution to the issue.

We feel that is crucial that you, our key stakeholders, are aware of the council's plans and have a voice on the planning application proposals. **We must stress that queries should not be directed to St Gregory's as we have no control or authority over the plans. All queries must be directed to the council's planning team.**

You can view or raise questions about the plans for yourself by accessing the planning portal at Warrington Borough Council using the following link and entering the planning application reference number.

- Link: [Warrington | Warrington Borough Council Online | Search Planning Applications](#)
- The Planning Application reference number is: **2024/01109**
- The Planning Team at Warrington Borough Council can be contacted on: **01925 442819**

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If the school, parents/carers and the council can work together constructively, we are sure that a sensible solution can be found to both welcome the new SEND provision and ensure that our parents and pupils are catered for.

The school will maintain arrangement for the drop off and collection of our most vulnerable children who have additional needs and separate arrangements in place.. Staff will ensure access onto the school carpark where this applies.

We have been notified that work will start around February / March 2025 subject to all current plans.

As and when the school receive any further information regarding the plans, we will update you accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Harrison
Chair of the Governing Board

Ed McGlinchey
Headteacher