

18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, repairs to the roof of Solent Infant School commenced last week and there are areas of the school site that have been impacted by these works. We anticipate these works taking place for the whole of the Autumn Term. Due to the scaffolding and temporarily fenced off areas, our playground space is smaller and, therefore, changes to our usual routines are necessary.

School Drop Off: We continue to ask that if you have “wheels” (bikes, scooters or buggies) you walk up the path alongside the driveway to enter the school playground. If you do not have wheels, please use the tunnel entrance, a little further along Eveleigh Road. This reduces footfall in the car park area as cars are still coming in and out of the school gates.

We would also like to remind you that at drop off in the morning, our staff members are on the year group doors to welcome the children into school and, from a safeguarding point of view, make sure that no child exits the building. Any messages that you have for the class team should be shared via the office by phone call or email please. If you wish to speak with a member of the class team, then please phone the school office so that a convenient time can be found.

Temporary Scooter/ Bike Park: If you wish to leave bikes and scooters on site, there is a designated area to park bikes and scooters, away from the scaffolding, just before you reach the area with the flagpole. The sign on the fence asks for the grown-ups to park the bikes and scooters as the ground is uneven and there are some overgrown areas. No child should be going beyond the fence to park or retrieve their own bike or scooter.

School Pick Up: At the end of the day, please ensure that pre-school and junior-aged children stay with you whilst you wait on the playground. There should be no scootering, cycling or ball games on the school site by anyone. The infant school children are doing well at walking their bikes or scooters down the path at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting with this. If the vehicle gates to the drive open, please do not walk through them in case they close.

Whilst waiting for your child, at the end of the day, we are aware that the Year 1 doors are the most obscured by scaffolding. Therefore, it would be helpful if you stood back from the door and, as soon as you see that your child is at the front of the line, step forward and make yourself seen eg raising a hand. Thank you for your patience as our staff learn all the new faces at collection time.

Remember that if your collection arrangements change on the day, please phone the office, by no later than 2:30pm, so that the class team can be made aware. If any member of staff is unsure about handing a child over, they will check whether the unique password is known and they may also check with the Designated Safeguarding Lead. All of these precautions are to keep your child as safe as we possibly can.

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Whilst writing these reminders, please may we take the opportunity to remind you not to take any photographs of your child whilst on the school site, especially if in the playground. This is because there may well be other children clearly visible in the photograph that you do not have permission from their parents and carers to photograph.

Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

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Head of School

