

20<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

Dear Parents

Safety

As you know safety is always high on our school agenda.

- Some parents are still parking on the yellow zigzag markings when they pick up or drop off children. This causes traffic congestion as well as the potential for accidents when children are crossing the road. **Please do not stop on the zigzags.** An accident involving a child would be terrible.
- The police have asked me to remind you that dangerous parking is an endorsable offence and that they will be patrolling the area.
- Can I remind you that the gates are there for the safety of all our children – please remember to close them properly every time you use them.

To ensure the safety of our children the back gate that leads onto the Avenue will remain locked between 9.10 am and 3.10pm every day; if you are arriving at school between these times please enter through the main black gate at the front of the school.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in these matters, we really do appreciate it.

Additional teacher training days

You will be aware that Parliament has approved an additional bank holiday on 29 April 2011 in order to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding. As schools are already closed on this date due to the Easter break, another day needs to be nominated in compensation. The extra day needs to be taken before the end of the academic year.

The Local Authority has consulted with staff unions in order to agree a date; it was decided that, on balance the best alternative date for schools to close would be 22 July 2011. The last day of the summer term, therefore, will now be **21 July 2011**.

School will also be closed to pupils on **Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>** for a primary curriculum training day.

Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body for the appointment of a Parent Governor. Parent Governors must be elected by the parents of pupils at the school and must themselves have children at the school. *The parents of nursery children are not eligible for election as Parent Governors.* The period of office is 4 years. A Parent Governor is not obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school and may remain on the Governing Body until his/her period of office expires.

I will be happy to advise any parent who is interested in the possibility of standing for election, on the style and work of the Governing Body.

If more than one nomination is received, prospective candidates will be given the opportunity of providing me with a brief election address which I will arrange to have circulated with the ballot papers.

Any parent who wishes to stand for election should return the completed nomination form not later than **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February** .

Regards

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**Nomination Form for Parent Governor at Holy Trinity First School Governing Body**

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Address: .....

Proposed by:.....

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Seconded by:.....

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