

Loreto Convent School Gibraltar



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Dear Parents,

As you know, the arrangements for collection of the children at the end of the school day have had to be changed and from now on will operate as follows:

8.30 am - Arrival at school is naturally staggered, so children may be dropped off at the bottom of the school steps as before. There will be a teacher on duty to supervise their arrival but they will no longer be opening car doors or helping children alight from cars.

12.00 pm - Collection of morning Nursery and Foundation Stage 1 children – parents may park in pick-up bays while they go up and collect their children.

3.00 pm - Collection of afternoon Nursery and Foundation Stage 1 children

3.15 pm - Foundation Stage 2 class will be ready for collection in main playground

3.20 pm - Collection of Y1 and Y2 children from main playground

3.30 pm - Collection of Y3 and Y4 children from main playground

3.35 pm - Collection of Y5 and Y6 children from main playground.

NB:

- Please do not arrive before your allocated time and leave as quickly as possible.
- If you have more than one child to collect, please come at the time allocated to the eldest child – the younger ones will wait in their class line with their teacher.
- Children in Y4 and up only may leave on foot provided we have received written permission from their parents.

Please be assured that much thought and consultation has gone into planning these changes, which are in response to advice from Gibraltar Government, Gibraltar Police and the PMOs who help us at the crossing. The changes are designed to protect children and staff as much as possible by:

- keeping them within their designated Year-group social bubbles
- addressing concerns expressed by Police and PMO's regarding the safety of the crossing
- protecting staff from pollution and minimising their contact with anyone from outside the school

We understand that this system will not be easy for many parents given the lack of parking in the area, but the Gibraltar police are in the process of arranging for designated school parking areas to be available specifically at that time, to help ease the situation. We also encourage any parents who can to take the environmentally friendly - and healthier! - option and walk up to school, or use public transport / the school bus service instead of driving.

We are aware that the changes may not be popular with some parents, but we have to do whatever most protects your children and, of course, our teachers, without whom the school would not be able to function at all. We therefore request your co-operation and patience while we work towards finding the best possible solution for the welfare of all concerned.

Kind regards,

Mrs Napoli
Headteacher