



3 December 2019

Dear Neighbours,

As you may be aware, the planning meeting on the 24 October 2019, where the school was seeking permission to build the All-Weather Pitch, led to an unexpected result. At the meeting, the councillors felt that the facility should have some availability to the wider community. You will remember that due to the strong message from residents, the school had removed the request to be allowed to hire the facility out, and were attending the planning meeting with the sole intention of gaining permission to build the All Weather Pitch for our pupils, without lettings.

The decision was deferred to enable a letting schedule for the pitch to be proposed, assessed by Bromley and put out for consultation ahead of consideration at a future plans sub-committee meeting. This puts the school in a difficult position, as we know there is a very strong sense from residents that they do not want the facility used by external groups. As I have written in previous letters, our main driver for the pitch is for the benefit our students, but we had always planned to eventually request this community use, but only after the facility was open.

As discussed at the meeting with representatives of the Park Avenue Residents Association on 27 September 2019 we are committed to a period of consultation with local residents, ahead of any submission to Bromley for any proposed lettings associated with the All-Weather Pitch. The school is therefore writing to you all to detail the following hours of lettings that we propose to submit:

#### During Term Time

- Monday – Friday – 17.00 – 21.00
- Saturday – 09.00 -18.00
- Sunday 10.00 – 14.00

#### During School Holidays

- Monday – Friday – 09.00 – 21.00
- Saturday – 09.00 -18.00
- Sunday 10.00 – 14.00

We have set up a dedicated email address for consultation with residents about what we propose. Having had the chance to read our proposal, should you wish to comment, please do so by emailing: [residentsconsultation@saintolaves.net](mailto:residentsconsultation@saintolaves.net). We are allowing one week from the date of this letter for any comments, which will be considered and any appropriate comments will be incorporated into the formal submission to Bromley. It is worth noting there will be further opportunity to comment through the formal 21-day planning consultation process following our formal submission to Bromley.

Please be assured that we are committed to managing any potential lettings in a professional manner. We will make it clear that we expect all users to respect our neighbours, and that failure to do so (whilst on site or whilst travelling to/from our school) will not be tolerated and could result in termination of any hiring agreement. We will also take care to ensure parking and travel arrangements are carefully explained and monitored. We have drafted a robust letting policy to protect both the school and local neighbours from any potentially disruptive users, and a working draft can be found on our website for your information: <http://www.saintolaves.net/forourlocalresidents>

Hopefully the above is clear and we look forward to receiving any comment through the dedicated email address ([residentsconsultation@saintolaves.net](mailto:residentsconsultation@saintolaves.net)) during the coming week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "J".

Liz James  
School Business Manager