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Dear Parent/Carer

## School Gates

Following my previous letter regarding the closure of the Writtle footpath I received a number of parental requests to review my decision due to the poor conditions of the road and path at the front of the school. I have since been in consultation with parents and staff regarding these issues.

I have decided to alter the decision to close the Writtle footpath to enter and leave the school site. Despite significant reservations about the safety of this isolated pathway I do feel that the road way itself is potentially more dangerous at this current time.

The Writtle footpath will remain open as from today and I will be deploying staff to this entrance to ensure the safety of students leaving school site. In the longer term I am going to be working towards a strategy for the path and road at the front of the school with the local authorities. This road needs to be improved dramatically before students can safely walk home via this route, until then they have the option to use the Writtle footpath.

I would like to thank all parents for their comments and patience during this time.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Thorpe  
Headteacher