

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been confirmed that Arriva services will be impacted by industrial action on Monday 5th & Friday 16th September 2022.

Arriva informs us that they remain committed to resolving the industrial action and apologise for the inconvenience this will cause across the region, particularly as schools return for the academic year. They have stated that updates will be posted on their social media pages, but they have advised that families should plan for alternative ways of traveling to school on the 5th and the 16th September.

Nu-Venture bus services have confirmed that their bus services will run as normal on both days.

If, due to industrial action, you intend to bring and collect your child to and from school by car, please do avoid dropping students off along Oakwood Road as, due to parked cars, it effectively operates as a road which cannot accommodate cars moving in opposite directions. Please do not drop students off in Penny Cress Gardens (opposite the school) or in The Walnut Tree pub car park. Cars should not park along the access road running alongside OPGS, in the direction of Mid Kent College, as Nu Venture will still be using this area to drop off and collect students. Please also bear in mind that the Oakwood Park Campus may be busier than usual as it contains two other schools, St Augustine School and St Simon Stock School and as such delays due to parking on site may be considerable.

Convenient drop off points, near to the school, which only involve a short walk to OPGS include:

Queens Road

Tonbridge Road

Bower Mount Road

Please remember that the school is open from 8am onwards and staff will be in school ready to welcome Year 7 and Year 12 students to OPGS. Year 7 students should make their way to the School Hall.

Ms Bevan