



**Education Resources**  
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**  
**ROLAND PECK, HEAD TEACHER, ROBERT SMILLIE MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent / Carer

Following a Health and Safety review in 2019 and consultation with pupils and families for the school travel plan, the decision was made to open the gate at Whinnie Knowe, providing a safer walking route for children coming and going from school.

Whilst there are clear benefits for children and families who use this gate, we also recognise that there have been some points of stress for local residents. Over quite some time, residents have communicated these and discussed them with the school. We said to them that we would continue to monitor the situation, which we have continued to do.

A further review of safety arrangements with SLC Roads Department has now concluded. Actions to improve a safe walking route through the top gate will be taking place in the next few months. These include improved signage and road markings. This puts us in a better position to make improvements for all parties and will allow us to close the Whinnie Knowe gate, whilst continuing to ensure a safe route to and from school for those who come on foot.

As a result, the gate will now be closed from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

Kind regards

**Roland Peck**

**Head Teacher.**

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