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Dear Parents

Access to Johnstone through Barbush Farm

It has been traditional for pupils to access shops in the Johnstone area at lunchtime via the Barbush Farm path (diagram below). While generally used by a small number of pupils, a recent inspection has raised **safety concerns**, as the path has become **very uneven and muddy**, making it difficult to navigate safely. Being privately owned, there are **no bins**, and litter—particularly broken glass bottles—has been accumulating, especially over weekends.

I am also concerned that the route requires pupils to cross the busy Bridge of Weir Road and, further along, a high, narrow bridge over the A737 motorway. Staff are unable to supervise this area due to its distance and the associated safety risks.

To ensure pupil safety and better manage this route, **only S5 and S6 pupils** will be permitted to use the Barbush Farm path at lunchtimes. Pupils seeking alternatives may visit shops in the Linwood area, though we strongly encourage all pupils to continue using the school facilities, which offer a wide variety of well-received options.

Pupils will be informed of this arrangement during upcoming assemblies and classroom visits. This change will take effect from **Thursday 19th February**, following our return from the February break.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing this message and helping us ensure the safety of all our young people.

Yours sincerely,

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