

Andrew Barkley
HM senior coroner
South Wales central area



Your ref [REDACTED]
RE Ashley Talbot deceased.

Dear sir,

I reply regarding the regulation 28 notice and the concerns raised by the coroner.

- (1) The bus bay being inadequate for the no. of vehicles.
The bus bay has now been extended and now provides adequate parking for all buses, there is now no parking of buses outside of the designated bay.
There is a lockdown of the school premises prior to and during pupils exiting the school and loading onto the buses, there is no vehicle movement during this period.
- (2) Staff supervision has been increased and there are now adequate nos. in place when children are boarding the buses at the end of the day.
- (3) While I agree with the lack of accountability regarding the construction of a safe facility school governors would have had no input regarding the design or construction.
- (4) Additional measures now in place include a 5mph speed limit within the school grounds. Staff managed pedestrian crossing points where pupils access the school via our safe routes to school pathways.
- (5) A vehicle drop off point approximately 200 metres from the main gates which allows children to access the school via steps leading to the back of the school lessening the vehicle nos. which caused congestion outside the main gates.

The governing body has worked closely with HSE representatives since the time of this tragic accident and all their recommendations have been carried out .

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of governors
Maesteg school

