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Dear parents/carers

Thank you once again for all the support you have given us over what has proved to be a very challenging start to a school year like no other.

Our first concern at this time has been to reintegrate the children into an environment that is calm, purposeful and above all, as safe as we can make it.

Key to this is how children enter and exit school. Our school site is limited by size and by the number of entrance and exit points – we have prioritized trying to keep the integrity of our mini-schools' bubbles. This has led to delays and we have received a number of complaints from parents. We listened and made changes this week – unfortunately these changes have exacerbated the problem. A number of staff have also been spoken to inappropriately - this is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

We recognise that there is a lot of parental anxiety about covid19 - and this is understandable, we are not the only school who is having these problems, nor are we the only school who is having to change procedures.

We will be making changes to our procedures from Monday. Our first priority is keeping the children safe and this may mean that you need to expect delays. This is no different to the rest of society at the minute where we are all used to queuing.

I would also remind and encourage you to avoid meeting in groups around the school site. Government guidance is that we should avoid meeting in groups of more than 6, as a school we want to avoid the inevitable Bubble or School Closure that a positive Covid case would cause and we ask for your help in this.

We would also request that parents and pupils arrive as close to 8:30/11:30 and 12:30/3:30 for Nursery and 8:40/3:20 for the rest of school to avoid unnecessary congestion.



So, from Monday:

FS and Reception will revert to the original plan, accessing school using the one-way system through the Nursery gate. Nursery parents will be asked to wait until Reception pupils have been collected. To ease congestion, we ask that only one adult needs to come up the path to collect their child.

Nursery parents should arrive promptly at 8.30 so that their children can enter Nursery before the Reception children arrive. At the end of the day please arrive at 3.30 and wait until all Reception children have been collected before queuing up the ramp to the Nursery door.

Reception parents should arrive at 8.40 so that their children can enter after the Nursery children have arrived. At the end of the day please arrive promptly at 3.20 and queue up the ramp to Nursery.

Y1 will come in through the playground, up the path and be collected from the FS outdoor area. Parents will then return the same way. This means they will pass each other and we would encourage parents who are concerned about the proximity of others to wear masks.

Y2 - as now

Y3 - as now

Y4 will come in past the Y6 and Y5 doors. They will be collected at the big green gate by a member of staff. This will stop parents passing each other on a very narrow path. There will be a designated section of the yard for them to wait in - so that they are not mixing with Y5 and Y6. Parents do not need to come on to site but if they do will leave by the way they came - this means they will be leaving by the same gate as Y5 and Y6 but they will all be going in the same direction.

Y5 - as now. Children will have a designated part of the yard to line up in. Departure route as now. Parents do not need to come onto site.

Y6 - as now. Children will have a designated part of the yard to line up in. Departure route as now. Parents do not need to come onto site.

We appreciate that there will be congestion by the gate in front of the office. This can't be helped but social distancing can be encouraged. All will be going in the same direction, so again there may be some delay.

All measures put in place are to protect your children and any parents who are anxious will be encouraged to wear masks on site. Making masks compulsory for parents on site is something we may have to consider at a later point.

I appreciate there will be some delays dropping off and picking up the children but this will be taken into consideration. Please bear with us as we are trying our best to deal with your concerns and making the site as Covid secure as possible.

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