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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our school community safe.

Following the Prime Minister's Announcement today it is even more important to keep alert and follow excellent social distancing in or around our school.

If school guidelines are not followed, then I will have to add further restrictions to our routines, adding more time between groups arriving. These timings are under constant review and may change if local conditions change or if parents do not stick to their timings.

I am reluctant to do this as it will add delays for parents and interfere with the children's education. Our current system works - but it only works when everyone sticks to the plan.

Remember:

- Please keep to the entrance and exit times for your child's year group.
- Keep your child next to you at all times and keep 2m apart from other families when waiting or walking across the playgrounds.
- Please do not stop to chat with others on or near the school site
- Do not arrive early to the site or wait in the surrounding areas we are getting complaints that people are arriving early and blocking pavements.

We all have a collective duty to make this work.

My aim is for our school to be able to operate as normally as possible for as long as possible. I want us to have minimal impact from the Covid-19 pandemic so we can protect the education, health and well-being of our children. My team are working day and night to make this work in the school and we have developed robust safety procedures so our children can receive the education they deserve.

Reminder

These are the arrival times for year groups:

8.40 to 8.50: Years 1&2 and 5&6 and Nursery 8.50 to 9.00: Years 3&4 and Reception

These are the collection times for year groups:

Year 5&6: 3.00 – 3.05 pm
Year 3&4: 3.10 – 3.15 pm
Year 1&2: 3.00 – 3.05 pm
Reception: 3.10 – 3.15 pm *
Nursery: 11.30-11.40 am

Remember we need you to be on site for the shortest possible amount of time.

For example: If you have a child in Years 1/2 and Years 3/4 please arrive around 8:50 to drop off in Years 1 and 2 then move across to Years 3/4.

Guidance from the UK Government

Remember the rule of 6:

You cannot meet in groups of more than 6 people, even in your home or garden. The maximum of 6 people includes children of all ages. There is now a £200 fine for breaking this rule for a first offence.

Latest guidance from PM's message today:

- Office workers should work from home again where possible although workers in "key public services and in all professions" where this is not possible, such as construction and retail, should continue to go in
- From Thursday, all pubs, bars and restaurants must offer table service only and close at 10pm but delivery services can remain open
- The requirement to wear a face covering has been extended to staff in retail, people in taxis and everyone using hospitality services
- Fines for not wearing a face covering will now double to £200 for a first offence
- COVID-secure guidelines will become a legal obligation for retail, leisure and tourism firms, with those who do not comply running the risk of fines of £10,000 or closure
- Only 15 people can now attend weddings, but 30 can still go to a funeral
- The "rule of six" has been extended to indoor sports teams, such as five-a-side football games
- The phased reopening of stadiums for sporting events from 1 October has been scrapped

Please play your part by following guidance outside of school by minimising your social contacts and strictly following the government guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris Headteacher