



8th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thoughts on our start back 😊

It has been extremely positive in school, with the children adapting quickly and new routines learnt and understood. Thank you for preparing your children for their return; this has certainly helped the transition run smoothly.

Thank you also, for your recent feedback and passing on observations regarding our new term with social distancing, staggered start and end times and working in bubbles. I thought it would be useful to share some of these with you all:

- Arriving early to collect your child will result in extra people outside the front of school. If early, please wait in your car if possible.
- Congestion in the morning/evening is eased when families only arrive and drop or collect and leave within their allotted time slot.
- Families are staying in their car if the line outside of school is long and social distancing is difficult. Thank you for this.
- When only one adult accompanies their child to school, the path is less congested.
- The new system with Year 4, 5 and 6 walking around the netball court in the morning makes it easy to support social distancing, and 'goodbyes' can be said on the playground as they move round.
- To ensure all children are in at the right time, please could families come towards the gate during their child's time slot.
- To reduce the amount of waiting around, families with more than one child at the school, but in two different time slots, are best to staggered their drop off and collection by coming to the gate towards the end of one time slot (say 8.38 am) and the beginning of the next time slot for the second child (say 8.41 am).
- Many families have told us that parking in the playing fields and spreading out at the field gate is easier and calm.
- Families can park at the playing fields and walk round to the front of school if they prefer.
- To keep everyone safe we all need maintain a recognised distance between families.
- Y4, 5 and 6 parents/carers coming into the playground to collect at the end of the day is working well – thank you for social distancing. Please remember to keep younger children with you so that bubbles are not mixing at the end of the day, thanks.
- Please continue to inform the school if you are authorising your KS2 child to walk home alone.
- The fruit delivery for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 has now started again at school. The children therefore do not need a snack from home as well unless you wish them to have a second snack (fruit, raw vegetables or small sandwich).
- Since the updated guidance released in July, small bags are recommended to carry essentials to school. Where possible, please can these items be carried in your child's hands to support cross-contamination. Thank you.
- Please wash hands when you return home.

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Late procedure:

- Children are late if their class door is closed. For children in Years: 1, 3 and 4, their door closes at 8.40 am. The gates are still open until 8.50 am because it is open for other classes with a 8.40 – 8.50 am arrival time.
- Children who are late to school, must be accompanied to the front gate. Please buzz the intercom to alert the office. The child(ren) will be admitted through the main entrance and staff will sign them in on your behalf.

Thank you again for all the positive comments and support. Please contact us at school if you need any clarification or if you have any questions.

Finally, unfortunately, it is not possible to continue in the same way with my first Tuesday of the month pop-in session. I am however, still having the slot and very happy to chat on the telephone, via email or in person sat outside in the Oakey Dokey Wellbeing Garden with anyone. The first pop-in is this afternoon if anyone is wanting a chat.

Kind regards



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