

Monday, 14th September, 2020.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just some feedback, reminders and answers to parental questions regarding organisation and the extra safety precautions we have put in place in and around school.

Why are you not insisting on parents/carers wearing face masks when they drop off or pick up?

This is what the Government says:

Nationwide, the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in education settings generally because a system of controls, applicable to all education environments, provides additional mitigating measures. Schools and colleges will have the discretion to require face coverings in indoor communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed, if they believe that it is right in their particular circumstances.

This means that because parents/carers are OUTSIDE the building and we have social distancing markers and a one way system then we are doing more than enough to keep our parents, children and staff safe. However, I do encourage the use of them by parents/carers, on our school grounds, if they wish to do so.

What do I do if one of my child(ren), who goes to secondary school (or any other school), is sent home from school for symptoms of COVID-19?

Keep all your children at home and book a COVID-19 test for the child(ren) with symptoms. Tests are taking a long time to book at the moment so please be patient. ALL the family who live with you should NOT LEAVE THE HOUSE until the result of the test comes through. If you need help with things like shopping and you do not have any friends or family to help then please contact us and we will see what we can do to help.

Why do my children have to come to school so early and why do some have to stay so late?

This was to stagger the start of the school day for all our children in order to allow us all to 'spread out' a bit more. However, this now means that some children are in school from 8.15am and do not leave until 3.30pm - this is a long day, we understand that. We are also losing quite a lot of direct teaching time so from **Monday 21st September we are bringing the start and finish times forward by 15 mins each:**

Year Group	From Monday 21st Sep: Start	From Monday 21st Sep: Finish
Nursery mornings	8:30	11:30
Nursery afternoons	12:15	3:15
Reception	8:45	3:00
1	9:00	3:15
2	9:00	3:15
3	8:30	2:45
4	8:45	3:00
5	8:30	2:45
6	9:00	3:15

Lates! From next week, if your child arrives 15 mins or more after their door opens then they will be sent round to the front entrance as they will be classed as late.

ALL doors will open at 8.15am for brothers and sisters of early children to be dropped and ALL doors will be open and staffed from 2.45pm for them to be collected too. Children can be taken to and collected from their own door.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher.

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