



3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see all the children back in school this morning; they looked so smart and have settled back into school so quickly! All the children from Y1 to Y6 were able to be on the playground together at playtime this morning and it was great to see siblings find each other and spend some time together. We'd forgotten what that was like with all the restrictions we had in place last year!

We have reviewed the arrangements for coming into school in the morning after seeing the level of congestion this morning. From Monday morning, please enter the school through the large gate, rather than the pedestrian gate. We ask that Y2 to Y6 parents say goodbye at the same place where you left the children last year and then make their way back out through the narrower pedestrian gate, creating more of a one-way system. Y1 parents, you may make your way around to the classroom in the same way that you did this morning. Hopefully this will make things move more quickly and in a less congested way! A staff member will be on the gate each morning so please do ask us if you are unsure. If you have a message for the class teacher, please pass it on to the staff member at the gate or feel free to email the message to the office who will be able to ensure the class teacher receives it. Thank you for your support as we try to find the most effective way to manage drop off again.

Just a reminder that at home time, you are free to walk around the outside of the building to your child's classroom door to collect them from there. We will be on hand on the playground to make sure you know where to go!

We have a new system in place for lost property going forward. Each morning we will bring out the hanging rail that has lost property on it and we will leave it under the covered area outside the office until the children have gone home. Please do check here if your child has mislaid something. We do remind you, however, to name your child's uniform so that we can return it to them when we find it. Lost property that is remaining from before the summer is on the hanging rail at the front of the school so please do claim if it is your child's.

As a school, we are required to have a Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan which I have attached for your reference. Please do read it carefully as it clearly outlines expectations with regard to self-isolation and how the school and trust will manage any Covid outbreak within school. Please do note that it states that: **If your child develops Covid symptoms at school (however mild), they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.** This expectation has not changed for schools and is, in fact, stronger in that we need to send children with even mild symptoms home. This is from the guidance that schools are required to follow. We know this is extremely disruptive for you but ask that you support us in this regard.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Larkham

Headteacher