

2nd September 2020

First day Back

Hi,

It is lovely to see all the children back, happy and smiling in school. I am sure that you will agree, there is definitely room for improvement in certain areas.

This morning was lovely. It was so great to see so many smiling faces and to be able to support the children who were feeling a bit anxious. The children went into classes really well and I managed to see the children in their classes during the day.

We had a few hiccups at lunch time, mainly around timings and spacing but we have tweaked that for tomorrow so hopefully things will run a little smoother.

For us, and I am sure many of you - the end of the day is going to need much more careful consideration. There were several issues (clearly the rain didn't help either - I am still drying out!):

- The Y5 / 6 parents were not able to get near to school to pick up their children because there were many parents arriving early from other bubbles.
- Waiting for siblings felt very crowded and it was difficult to maintain social distancing (and many of you got very wet!)
- It was difficult for staff to get the children quickly (this will ease as class teachers get to know parents better. We will also encourage the children to look out for parents.
- I am aware that the road / path outside school was becoming increasingly congested.

A couple of things which would really help for tomorrow would be if parents arrive at the allocated time using the one-way system (red lines) and exit the site quickly following the blue arrows. In school, we will talk to the children about looking out for parents which I do think will speed up the end of the day.

If you are dropping off or collecting more than one child, it would be safer and ease congestion for parents using the one-way system if you use the trim trail as a waiting area (rather than outside the school office) - I will point you in the right direction.

From Tomorrow Morning

If you have a younger sibling who comes in to school in a later bubble, please let me know at the gate and you will be able to wait in the trim trail area until their allocated time. At the end of the day, as you pick up an older sibling, you will be able to come into the trim trail to wait for the younger children to come out.

Please do not come early for your children. The teachers won't be out or collect until it is time for their bubble to come in.

Very many thanks for your patience. Hopefully things will settle as we all get used to new systems to keep each other as safe as we can.

Kind regards

Mrs Nicholson