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Dear Parents/Carers,

Arrangements for September 2021

I am pleased to share with you, below, the arrangements for September with regards to drop off and collection from school, and the updated guidance that has been provided by the Government following the easing of restrictions.

Drop off

We will be returning to a 'soft start' arrangement in the morning for all year groups **between 8.45am and 8.55am**. All pupils will need to be in class by 8.55am when the register will be taken. Anyone arriving after 9am will be considered late.

We have been amazed by the independence of our pupils throughout the pandemic and this is something that we want to celebrate and embrace moving forward. Therefore, we are highly recommending that pupils in **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 say goodbye to their adults at the main gate** in the morning and make their own way to their classes.

- Years 4 and 5 will enter and meet their teachers through the external classroom doors.
- Year 3 will enter through the door next to the Year 5 classes.
- Year 6: Rays (Mrs West) will enter through the main entrance. Angel Sharks (Miss Welsh) will enter through the fire escape.

Of course, if parents/carers of KS2 pupils need to speak to their child's teacher they can do so or you are welcome to leave a message with myself or Mrs Stephens who will be on the main gate each morning.

Parents/carers of **Foundation and Key Stage 1 children can drop off their children to their class teachers** who will be waiting outside to greet them and see them inside school.

- Years 1 and 2 pupils will meet their teachers on the Key Stage 1 playground (outside their classrooms)
- Foundation parents (when pupils are full time) will drop off their children at the rainbow fence on the Key Stage 2 playground. Whilst part-time, pupils will be dropped off and collected via the school driveway on Old Laira Road.

Collection

The collection arrangements are as follows:

- Foundation (when full time) will be dismissed to families at the rainbow fence on the Key Stage 2 playground at 3.10pm.
- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be dismissed to families on to the Key Stage playground at 3.15pm.
- Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be dismissed at 3.20pm.
 - Year 3 will be dismissed to families onto the Key Stage 1 playground

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- Years 4 and 5 will be dismissed from the external doors of their classrooms. Families are welcome to wait on the playground nearby.
- Year 6: Rays (Mrs West) will be dismissed from the main entrance. Angel Fish (Miss Welsh) will be dismissed from the fire escape. Parents are welcome to wait under the shelter by the ramp.

Having a one-way system in school has eased congestion and 'traffic' in school and, whilst this will not be strictly enforced, I would suggest that families dropping off or collecting from the Key Stage 1 playground enter through the gate next to the play park and exit through the main gate.

Restrictions

The national restrictions have eased and we will no longer be asking families to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting their children. However, as we learn to live with the virus, schools have been tasked with putting together an 'Outbreak Management Plan' which sets out how we will respond to an outbreak in school and, as a result, we are remaining cautious. Pupils will be asked to maintain regular hand washing or the use of sanitising gel throughout the school day and we are, as far as possible, reducing unnecessary mixing. In fact, the pupils have responded very positively to having separate play times as they find that they have more space to be active and a reduction in disagreements.

We also need to ensure that a thorough risk assessment is in place which highlights the actions we are taking in school to ensure that pupils, staff and our families remain safe whilst the virus is still in the community. This will be available on our website in September, should you wish to see it.

Well, that just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful summer break. We have so much to celebrate from the year just past, despite adapting and changing so regularly. All pupils should break for summer with their heads held high and feeling exceptionally proud of what they have achieved, despite countless challenges. So should our families who have responded so positively to disruption. Thank you for your continued support.

Take care, stay safe and relax.

Many thanks



Peter Lewis-Cole
Headteacher

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