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Changes to school procedures for parents

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone has had a lovely (yet rainy!) half term and has had a chance to recharge.

I am writing in light of the government's announcement on Saturday that we are heading back into a national lockdown. Whilst we await further guidance from the government, we are very pleased that schools are remaining open to all children. This will allow us to continue to support children emotionally and academically during these difficult times. As I've mentioned before, children have come back in September with great resilience and enthusiasm and it has been wonderful to see them thrive over the past half term and we will continue to build on this in school. As we look ahead, I am now making some changes to drop-off and collection to ensure that we all continue to keep each other as safe as possible.

Face coverings

From Thursday 5th November 2020, I would like all parents **to wear a face covering** when dropping off and collecting their children from school, unless they are exempt. This applies at normal drop off / pick up times and for breakfast or after school club too. I will be asking staff to do the same if they are coming out to greet you and the children.

Drop off and pick up times

Timings for drop off and pick up will remain the same: 8:45 – 9:00am for drop off and 3:05 – 3:20 for pick up. Saplings / Willows will still be collected from the back playground and Birch / Ash will still be sent from the front of school. Please can all families support us and remember to do the following:

- Remain socially distant at 2m apart from other parents.
- Ensure that you arrive on time and send your children into the building as quickly as possible. We will be as efficient as we can in sending the children out at the end of the day as well.
- Parking & the lanes can be extremely busy at these times – please park and drive courteously and be aware of the residents in the village and each other. Sadly, there is no way for the school to create a way to remedy this.
- Strictly only 1 parent at drop off and pick up times.
- Wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.
- Please exit the site as swiftly as possible and do not gather, especially at the pinch points at the gate and bottom of the steps.

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- Gathering outside from Thursday 5th November with more than one person outside of your household is not allowed. Therefore, please do not gather at the play park after school. I know this will be a contentious issue for some but these are the rules that government has put into place and it would support the efforts that the school is making if all families can follow this.
- There is currently no guidance on whether other households can pick up your child (e.g. lift shares) so I can't advise on whether this is or isn't allowed. However, national guidance states that you shouldn't meet outdoors or indoors with anyone outside your family or support bubble (apart from 1 person for exercise) so please bear this in mind until guidance is released & be prepared to make alternative arrangement if necessary. Child minders and childcare providers can still collect multiple children.

Uniform & clothing

As part of the school's risk assessment and following DfE guidance, we need to continue to keep windows cracked open to allow a constant flow of air in classrooms. This undoubtedly will make the classrooms cooler than usual so please can parents ensure children have adequate layers as temperatures get colder. Also, a brief reminder about coats in general – it does tend to get very cold and breezy at play times here.

The most up-to-date government information for parents and carers can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Once again, we are heading into the unknown and this is a challenging time for families and for the school. However, your assistance with following the above guidance supports the school hugely in ensuring we keep children's safety and welfare as our key priority.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office. I wish everyone the best and we will continue to support you all as best we can over the coming weeks and months.

With very best wishes,



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