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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou for bearing with us during our first day of 'normal' operation yesterday. I am aware that the systems for drop off and collection didn't all work with complete smoothness yesterday and so we have made some changes to these as detailed below. Please understand that we are not returning to the full procedures that used to happen with parents dropping and collecting from outside classroom doors. This is because the paved areas outside the classrooms are narrow and can easily become congested with parents and children which impacts on any possibility of social distancing. I hope that the amended arrangements will help to support this. If needed, we may make further tweaks as the weeks progress but will always keep you informed. Thankyou for your support with this.

From collection today the following procedures will take place:

Class 1 and class 6: Please come onto school premises through the car park. A member of staff will meet you at the car park gate. Class 6 children and parents can wait on the slated area outside the Y6 classroom. Class 1 parents and children can wait outside the Y1 classroom in the lower part of the old EYFS playground. These areas are both bigger than the main classroom paths and so can be used safely. Parents and children from these classes should exit in the same way.

Nursery and reception (EYFS): please come into school through the main gate near the EYFS building. Nursery parents and children should wait on the new tarmac at the side of the building near the nursery doors (white doors). Reception parents and children should wait on the path between the EYFS building and the chickens.

Class 2, 3, 4 and 5: These classes will enter and leave by the main playground gate and the children will line up on the playground. This is the same as we have done so far this term but with fewer children.

Please wait in the playground or assigned area until the teacher dismisses your child to you. Do not call your child to you as this causes further disruption and confusion. Staff need to know that they have handed a child over to the correct adults and so must do this methodically. Again, I am sure you understand this and appreciate your patience.

The gates will be opened by 8.40am each day and will be locked as soon as possible after 8.50. Please remember that school starts at 8.50 and children should be in their classrooms by this time. Teachers will be taking the children inside at 8.45 each morning. Please make sure your child is on the premises by 8.45 so that they are definitely ready to start learning at 8.50. At the end of the day the gates will be opened by 2.50pm. Please try not to arrive at school significantly before these times to reduce congestion on the paths around the building.

Finally, if your child is in the upper part of KS2 and you would like them to walk home alone please confirm this in writing. We will not allow a child to leave the school without an adult unless we have seen a letter confirming this.

Yours sincerely

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