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Dear Parents and Carers

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Drop off/collection arrangements update

It was wonderful to see everyone return yesterday, the children are quickly adapting to their new routines in class and around school at break time and lunchtime. I am confident this will continue as the term progresses, given their positive attitude and resilience.

A number of parents raised their concerns, particularly regarding collection at the end of the day and the difficulty in maintaining social distancing at the main gate. We have replicated the successful system that was used throughout the lockdown period, whilst acknowledging the number of pupils and parents has increased. We have therefore staggered the times by 10 minutes, to allow for children to be collected safely.

This system relies upon good timing, both on the part of class teachers and parents. As it was the first day, there were some issues around this. However, as we discovered during lockdown, once all parties become accustomed to the arrangements, the arrival and departure of pupils ran smoothly and most importantly safely.

Already, this morning's drop off at the main gate was much better than yesterday. With this in mind, we will continue with the timings and arrangements for collection in the afternoon. To try and maintain social distancing, we would ask parents to gather in the area allocated for their classes to line up. We would also politely remind parents that only one person needs to drop off/collect the children. Once collected, it is important to make your way home as soon as possible to allow the later groups of pupils to be collected safely. Punctuality is the key to the system's success.

To help with the above, if there are any children in Years 5 and 6 who are able to walk home by themselves, we need your permission. The office issued a Weduc form to simplify this yesterday – please complete this or let the office know that your child has permission to do so. Furthermore, I am aware several parents have siblings to collect at different times – we are in the process of reviewing this, to enable siblings to be collected safely at the same time wherever possible.

As always, your feedback, particularly at this time is more than welcomed. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and risk assessments to ensure we are doing all that we can to minimise the risks to all during the on-going pandemic. I will review the arrangements again this afternoon and make any adjustments necessary to minimise risk further where necessary.

Many thanks for your support in this, we are all in this together!

Yours sincerely



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