

8th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by saying a huge 'well done' to everyone who has been in school today, and 'welcome back' to some of our year 6s. It has been lovely to see them and we have all been amazed by how much they have grown since the end of March!

The children have been very sensible and have tried really hard to comply with the new version of school – 2 metre social distancing, sitting at a table on their own in the classroom, walking on the left on the corridors, playing in designated areas of the playground or field, and more!

We have been especially proud of the keyworker children and the few others who have been coming in to school during lockdown. Their routines have changed (again) and they are having to learn to adapt from the school they have known over the last few weeks, so well done to them.

There were a few teething troubles at the start of the day which I would like to try and iron out.

Arrival time at school

Year 6 groups (1 to 8) – these children should arrive at school between 8.50am and 9am (even a few minutes after 9am is okay). The idea is to filter in to school rather than arrive at a specific time, thereby avoiding large groups. This morning several children were far too early to school. We couldn't let them in as their teachers were busy preparing lessons etc so they had to queue outside, which wouldn't have been ideal if it was raining! If they arrive between the times above, they will simply walk in and go straight to their classroom, which should work well.

Please note: the entrance on Wansford Road is open as well as the main entrance. Please use either entrances; it'll help to spread children out. Thank you.

Keyworker groups - and others (groups A to D) – this is where we got some confusion this morning! If your child does not need to be at breakfast club (between 7.30am and 8.30am) then he/she should not arrive at school until 8.55am at the earliest. All keyworker children need to enter school via the main entrance.

Parents gathering together

I know I can't tell you what to do (but I can try – haha!) but please can I ask that parents do not congregate in groups close to the school. Firstly, it's hard to socially distance yourselves in this way but it also means that other pavement users will struggle to pass you in a way they deem to be safe. Thank you.

Many thanks for your support and let's hope everything stays as positive as today has been.

Best wishes.

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