



Hill View Junior Academy

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Changes made to school collections from Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have received a number of parental concerns with regards to the arrangements as set out in my letter yesterday, regarding the collection of children at the end of the day. Issues have been raised around how busy both gates are at the end of the day which could have consequences for the safety of the children along with social distancing challenges within a small confined area.

I would like to thank those parents that took the time to email me personally and express their concerns. As a result, we have evaluated our collection procedures and parents will be able to collect the children from the yard at the end of the school day. I hope this goes some way to reassuring parents and carers that we do have the safety of the children at the heart of our risk assessment and are happy to work with parents to evaluate and assess our school procedures.

The yard will be coned off into areas that the children use at break and lunch times. The cones separate each year group bubble and we would ask that parents wait within the relevant year group bubble area whilst collecting your child. This is to reinforce the social distancing measures that we would request parents adhere to during these times.

To protect both our staff and parents, there will be a marked line which will provide parents with their own space at collection time. This will mean that teachers will release the children safely and maintain social distancing as well. Unfortunately, it will mean that communication with class teachers will have to continue to be through email or telephone calls to the school. Please can we ask that parents don't use this time to try and ask the teacher questions and have conversations.

In addition to the safety Covid measures that we are taking, it would be most appreciated if parents could wear a face mask on the school grounds.

The two-stage staggered day from Monday 8th March will continue to be put in place and I have outlined these again for parents below:

Start Times:

Year 3 and Year 6: 8.40am

Year 4 and Year 5: 8.50am



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As in the autumn term, and to support social distancing on the school grounds, could we ask please that parents continue to drop the children off at the gates in the morning and allow them to walk into school by themselves. This system did work well in the autumn term as the gates were not so busy at the start of the school day.

Finish times:

Year 3 and Year 6: 3.10pm

Year 4 and Year 5: 3.20pm

I would like to thank those parents once again who have taken the time to speak with me directly and I hope that you feel your worries and concerns have been listened to and actioned to support the effective and safe management of the school.

Kind Regards

Hayley Sutton
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