

Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts...



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Years 1,2,3 and 4 Pick Up Routines

Dear Parents and Carers of Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Government guidance specifically asks schools to stop using any 'staggered' timings and routines that may have been in place during previous periods of restriction.

This gives us all a challenge – teachers, children and you as parents.

After reviewing the first few days, I'd like to share some ideas that will make it a more efficient and safe process for all. There is still some 'crowding', which is making some uncomfortable.

As previously stated, we will start to dismiss the children from 3:25pm at the Playground Gate. We will do this **one class at a time**, starting with Year 1.

At 3:25, the teacher on the gate will ask Year 1 parents to line up against the football pitch fence to start collection. The parent at the front of the line will ask for their child and they will be dismissed to them. The next parent will do the same and so on.

Once Year 1 have all been dismissed, the Year 2 teacher will ask the Year 2 parents to line up in a similar fashion, followed by Year 3 and Year 4.

This small adjustment will stop the gate becoming crowded – the line by the fence should always be for one class only. Once you have collected your child, please move away from the gate to give as much space to all as possible.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this routine – it really will make all the difference and ensure that children are released quickly (within 10 minutes) and safely.

Yours sincerely,
Mr S. McNicholas

Headteacher