

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dear parents / carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you in the playground this morning and to see the children arriving– we really have missed them and it is great to have them back.

We have had a very good day today – with 97% attendance which is fantastic. All of the children have settled incredibly well and have quickly adjusted to the new rules / procedures.

It really has been a positive and happy day!

Thank you very much for your support especially around staggered arrivals and pickups. As with any new system, there are always things that can be improved and we will be reviewing the system tomorrow and will come back to you before the end of the week with some changes which will help to:

- Reduce congestion
- Reduce waiting times (for parents with more than one child)

However, in the meantime, there are some things that can be done to improve the situation:

1. Please make sure you keep your distance from other adults and avoid congregating in the playground.
2. Please do not come into the school building. The only parents who will be allowed in are those settling new children into Reception.
3. Please can nursery parents wait in the nursery playground – this will help to reduce congestion.
4. As year 3/4 children do not start until 9:00am, parents who have children in other year groups can arrive at 8.45am and leave the child who is in year 3/4 to be supervised by a member of Pakeman staff in the football pitch.
5. Year 1/2 children will line up on the basketball pitch in the mornings. Please leave the playground as soon as your child has lined up to avoid congestion.

Please bear with us – we may need to try different variations until we find the safest and most efficient solution.

Once again, we are delighted to have the children back at school.

With best wishes,  
Lynne

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