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Dropping off/Picking up

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for observing the new systems for arrival and dismissal in line with our risk assessments. It fills me with pride seeing so many children taking responsibility for their own belongings and walking into school by themselves. This not only develops independence but confidence and a feeling of achievement for our children even before the school day begins.

Please remember that the register is taken at 8.50am and it is important that children arrive during their allocated time. Why not develop their confidence, even further, if they are Year 3 and above and drop them off with Jim who runs our pedestrian crossing and they can walk along? This will ease the congestion in and around school gates.

Our staggered start seems to be working quite well, however, dismissal times seem to be busy so after some discussion and changes to our risk assessments. These will be the new times from next week:

Class	Entrance point	Entrance time	Dismissal time
Nursery (am)	New entrance up the Early Years' Garden ramp	8.30am	11.15am
Nursery (pm)		12.00pm	2.45pm
Nursery (30 hours)		8.30am	2.45pm
Reception	New entrance through previous green Nursery door	Those families with surname initial A-M at 8.30am.	Those families with surname initial A-M at 2.50pm.
Year 1	Normal pupil entrance.		
Year 2			
Year 3	Through playground and to school via white hall doors.	Those families with surname initial N-Z at 8.40am.	Those families with surname initial N-Z at 3.00pm.
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6	Through green door between Year 5 and Year 6 classroom (by Bernadette's office).		

I hope that these new times will alleviate the congestion at the end of the day but please remember these could be subject to change too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernadette

Parking

A number of residents have contacted us and the Community Police Officer to complain about parking on residents' drives or blocking access to residents' drives. We would ask that you consider where you park when you are dropping off/collecting your children from school.

We would ask that parents do not park on kerbs as this restricts safe travelling for all children and parents who have double pushchairs as well as those in the community with disabilities.

Afterschool Club

Please remember that you must book your place at After School Club using a form that we will send each Friday. Jan and Tina will continue to run our Afterschool Service from 3-5pm @£2 per hour. We will review the situation with our Enrichment Clubs at October half term.

Mobile Phones

We strive to ensure that our children remain safe at all times and we would ask you as parents to ensure that children do not bring their phone to school. We cannot have phones in school in the event that they are dropped, damaged or taken. Thank you.

Jewellery

We do not permit any kind of jewellery worn to school. Please see the link for further details <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

P.E. Kits

As the weather turns more Autumnal, classes may request that children come to school dressed in a warmer P.E. kit. You will receive a text on the occasion where your child is permitted to do this. All children must have P.E. shoes, in school, with their P.E. kit.

Children/Families in Isolation

When should I get my child a COVID-19 test?

A child who has the following symptoms should get a test:

- A new continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste
- A temperature of 38° or more

If a child needs to take a test we must have a copy of the test results sent to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or the school mobile for our records.

When should I keep my child off school?

You only need to keep them off school if they have:

- A temperature of 38° or more
- A new cough or worsening of an underlying chest condition such as asthma
- Difficulty breathing
- Change or loss of taste or smell

Those families that have been advised to isolate will have access to activities similar to those provided in lockdown on our class pages <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/our-classes/> If you have trouble accessing the activities please inform the school office and we can provide a work pack for you. There are also additional, in depth, lessons if families choose to access these. These will take a lot more time just like a lesson would in school. You can find them:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> (maths lessons)

<https://www.thenational.academy/> (general lessons)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> (general lessons)