

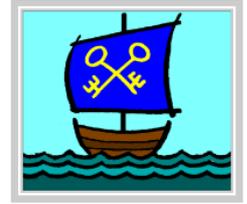
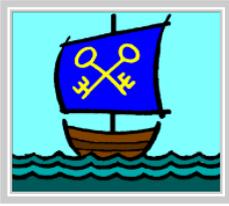
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Dear Parents

It is with a level of relief that I write this at the end of a challenging but very positive first week. Firstly, and most importantly, the children have been absolutely fantastic. I have seen so many of them for excellent work and their general attitude and behaviour has been just brilliant. I hope that this does not mean that they are going to let off steam over the weekend! Good luck there!

Secondly, thank you for your support and co-operation. Start and end of the day arrangements have calmed down. We needed to see what it all looked like in reality and have learnt from the last few days. **We are sticking to the times but will try to get children in and out as swiftly as possible.**

A few things have come to our attention and need highlighting:

Key stage one children have been arriving with older siblings. This is unavoidable which is why we have provided waiting areas. Older children, years 3 and upwards are fine to wait independently by the allocated cones. Children in years one and two find this more difficult and parents should wait with them. Speak to Mrs Crees if you have a problem with this.

We have been getting the children in and out as quickly as possible, which has at times caused parents to question if they are late or too early. To be clear – the times are still the same and are the times that your child needs to be in class at. If you are only bringing in one child and that specific time, then stick to that time and do not panic.

The times are repeated below.

Rain – if it rains, we will get them all in as soon as we can. In the event of rain, get them to their cones and we will aim to quickly get them in. Times will remain the same in the event of rain but we will do all that we can to speed the process up.

The gates open at 8.30 to avoid a large number of parents congregating in Eastern Avenue. This does **not** mean that the children can come into school at 8.30. You are welcome to wait in your area. Please make sure that you all socially distance. Whilst it is great to be able to see you all once more, we should not be congregating and chatting. Please keep apart and wear a mask.

Finally – the system is clear. **In via Eastern Avenue and out of Sullington Way. THIS IS NOT TO BE ABUSED.** A week is long enough for this to become a habit. Whilst it might inconvenience some, we cannot have people crossing paths and meeting in the alley way along Eastern Avenue. Several parents have been seen nipping out the wrong way. Please do not. We are all in this together.

This week, we have also received the most up to date guidance about what to do in the event of a positive case within our school. Let me reassure you all by telling you that the procedure is clear. We have been told by Public Health England that it is highly likely that at some point we will encounter someone having to be tested and engaging with track and trace. With winter around the corner, coughs and colds season will

soon be upon us and will need careful consideration. If a child or member of staff presents with a cough or a temperature, they will be sent home as the guidance dictates. We all need to be realistic and prepared for the fact that at some point this year, the school will be faced with staffing challenges. We have systems and plans in place to ensure that closing bubbles is an absolute last resort. We will keep you regularly informed at all times.

Most importantly, it has been an absolute delight to see the children back and happy. The school is filled with noise once more, which has been much needed. The staff are very happy! Your messages of support have been uplifting and are much appreciated.

It has shown us all just what we have missed and reminded us of how lucky we are to do the job that we do. Thank you for having the trust and confidence to send them back. We hope that you are enjoying the closure of home school and are getting some much needed rest!

Time	Year	Entry Point
8.40am	5	Hall door
8.40am	6	Library door
8.50am	3	Hall door
8.50am	4	Library door
8.55am	R	Class door
8.55am	1	Yr 1 Side door
8.55am	2	Hall
Time	Year	Exit Point
3.00pm	5	Hall door
3.00pm	6	Library door
3.05pm	3	Hall door
3.05pm	4	Library door
3.15pm	R	Class door
3.15pm	1	Yr 1 Side door
3.15pm	2	Hall



Yours sincerely

K Crees

Mrs K Crees
Headteacher