

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

It has been delightful to see the children settling in to their first full week back to school. It was particularly wonderful to see our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception getting to know their new teachers and peers. It has been a joy to see the children already working hard in their classes and showing great engagement in their learning.

We would like to remind all parents about **the rules that we have in place regarding the start and end times of the school day. Social distancing remains crucial at these times.**

We are also mindful that we have very kindly been given permission to use the Family Centre gate and path for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes. Sadly, this week we were made aware of parents gathering close to the entrance and along the path, not social distancing and making it difficult for everyone to remain safe.

We therefore want to make it very clear what parents/carers must do in order for our school community to stay safe.

- **Only one parent/carer is permitted to enter the school site** to drop off or pick up a child. Older siblings (not at Guildford Grove) must wait outside of the school site unless they are the ONE person collecting the child.
- **Parents MUST arrive at school at the time their child starts their school day, not before** (arriving too early creates groups of parents outside the school gates and this is not permitted).
- **Parents/carers MUST MAINTAIN A 2 METRE DISTANCE from other parents/carers/pupils AT ALL TIMES who do not live in their household** (remember if you can reach out and touch them, it means you are not 2m apart).
- **Parents/carers MUST keep all of their children next to them** to ensure they do not mix with other pupils not in their year group.
- **Parents must move away from the school gates immediately after drop off and pick up and MUST NOT gather there.** Gathering outside of the school gates makes social distancing impossible and puts other parents/carers/pupils at risk.

As a school community, we must now follow the government guidance that **we must keep a 2m distance from other families at all times, we must wear a face covering inside shops etc and we must wash our hands regularly.** It is also important to note that it is now the law that **only 6 people can meet together inside or outside.**

We thank you in advance for ensuring the start and end of the school day remains safe for all our school community. Many thanks for your continued support.

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