

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have come to the end of their first week back at school and I know many have found the slightly earlier 'get ups', and the return to learning routines, quite tiring. I suspect it may be the same for some of us adults too, so I hope the weekend will bring us all some rest.

We hope you have enjoyed, and/or found useful, the occasions you may have joined us for this week (Parent Information meetings, 'Tea and biscuits' and Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic). It has been lovely to catch up with you all after such a long time of being quite separated. Although some diarised events may not be able to take place we will keep looking for ways to adapt to either provide alternative events or the opportunity in a different way.

We know that local Covid figures have seen a rise and we will continue to work hard to balance safety with enabling our children's learning and other school experiences to be maximised.

Please find below a few reminders and requests which have come from a review of this week and our processes.

1. The gates open at 8.50am for drop off – please do not arrive at school earlier than this as we have had quite a few early arrivals (some as early as 8.30am) and this has been causing congestion on the pavements and difficulties for others using the path. Please also maintain timings in the afternoon.
2. Please can we ask that when waiting on the pavements outside to come onto the premises that we are supportive of each other by keeping an appropriate distance and being thoughtful in how we interact with each other.
3. Some of the early arrivals have been children on their own with no adults and these children have been seen running backwards and forwards to the village green and not being safe by the road. As there is no supervision should an accident occur I am concerned that swift help will not be available. Please ensure that your children are safe.
4. We are opening the internal car park gates to allow a smoother flow of people around the building so please do use the top part of the car park as a pedestrian way.
5. Before 9am and after 3pm please do not try to use the vehicle gate as it is used by vehicles as we have children who are dropped off and collected by taxi from/for Lolworth, which is also in our catchment area. The taxi driver does not use the top part of the car park and so this is a safe pedestrian zone at these times.
6. Reception and Year 1/ 2 Parent Information Meetings next week: These will go ahead with Reception Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Yr1/2 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 2.30pm.

*To support us in maintaining safety measures please ensure you have undertaken an ifd within 24hrs of attending the meeting - should this be positive please do not attend but follow the guidance, isolating and booking a pcr test. If you do not have access to an lfd test then please let us know and we will try to support with this.*

*We will open the gate to you at 2.25pm and ask you to make your way around the building to the hall, where we ask that you enter via our 'IN' door and take a seat having sprayed your hands with the sanitiser available on the tables in the quiet area. Please wear a mask in the hall for the meeting. The seats will be spaced out and we ask that you maintain those spaces.*

*Your children will be asked to meet you at the hall for collection to support the one-way system at the end of the day.*

*Materials from the meeting will be made available once all the sessions are completed on the phase pages of the website.*

Kind regards,  
Anna-Claire Norden  
Headteacher