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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Firstly an enormous thank you this week. Attendance has been good and we are almost at the same level of good attendance that the school was at pre Covid19. It has been an absolute pleasure for us all this week to have our classes learning and to see children safely together again.

The gates during drop off and collection have gone well. Thank you for your patience and good humour whilst we try to find the best solution. We have been ready extra early for you this week whilst the new routines were established but from next week, our timings will be much more strict! We want the children to have as full day learning as possible.

Thanks to you, we can now simplify gates because it has gone so smoothly and safely:

**Mornings:**

**Both gates** open at 8.30am again as usual for pupils front and back to filter in. We have decided this is safer than having you queuing for your ten minute 'slot' in large numbers. This has worked well and safely this week and helped the start of the day feel calm for the children. Arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am and no later than 8.50am please so we can get learning started. **All children** must be in school by 8.50 at the latest. Gates shut at 9.00am and after that time, you will be registered as late. New Reception parents, your children will be welcomed through the Reception gate from 8.40.am.

**Afternoons:**

**Front gate** for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 plus their older brothers and sisters. The front gate will be open to you at 2.40pm for you to come in and wait at the same areas as you have been this week to collect your children. Staff will be bringing the children to their collection points no earlier than 2.50pm and you will have a ten minute window until 3.00pm to collect your children please.

**Back gate** will open once all the Key Stage 2 children are ready for collection at 2.50pm. The gates won't be opened until all of the children are ready in their zones for you so we can avoid the crossing over of groups of children and parents.

Take note of the times please as some of you have been keen to arrive as early as 2.30pm for collection and we have also been finishing earlier only whilst we settled this week, but we don't want you waiting around unnecessarily going forward! Our aim is to get back to as full a school day as possible and I know you support this too.

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## Homework and remote learning

Because of all of the positive feedback we have had surrounding our Google Classrooms, we have decided to use this platform for homework. When your child logs into their google account, the classroom is already on their account named 'Homework'. You will also notice a second classroom called 'Remote Learning'. This will become live if we ever have to go into partial school closure or local lockdown and we will be delivering an improved offer through live lessons and recorded lessons as you requested.

## Covid-safe schools

We continue to be vigilant and apply measures to ensure your child is as safe as they possibly can be in school. An essential part of a school's approach is the action that needs to be taken if a pupil displays symptoms.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of any of the following:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

For further information you may wish to read the Government guidance COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Enjoy the weekend and see you all next week,

Yours Sincerely,



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