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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Firstly, welcome back and an enormous thank you for the first two days of 'drop offs' this week. It has been an absolute pleasure for us all this week to have our classes learning and to see children safely together again.

Gates and collection points:

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 are making sure to be ready extra early for you this week whilst we get back into the swing of things (2:50 - 3:05 collection). The routines were established prior to summer 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 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 8:55am and after that time, you will be registered as late.

Afternoons:

Staff will be bringing the children to their collection points (see map below) ready for you to collect at 3pm. Both gates will open at 3pm and one way walking systems will still be in operation to keep a steady flow.

On listening to feedback from parents and carers, we have decided to keep all children with their teachers so that parents/carers can meet or talk to teachers at the end of each day. If you have more than one child, please collect the youngest child first and then move on to older children. To make this easier for you, the walk way through from the courtyard to the back playground is now open again.

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Map of collection points and one-way system:



To clarify:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Courtyard By their classroom doors	Big playground By the bike shed	Big playground By the climbing frame	Courtyard On the astroturf	Big playground By the grass verge	Big playground By the library

Uniforms:

The children have come back to school looking incredibly smart in their school uniform. As before, we are going to continue to allow children to wear their PE kit for the full day on PE days. When children are wearing the correct kit, this looks very smart. We endeavour to keep this to a high standard.

As a reminder, here is our PE kit policy:

- Coloured T-shirt to represent their house (red, yellow, blue or green)
- Plain navy/black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- No jewellery and all hair must be tied back

During colder months, children are also encouraged to also wear their school jumper/plain navy jumper and plain tracksuit bottoms to keep warm.

P.E. Days Timetable:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday-PE Hokusai, Mondrian, Cezanne Wednesday- Swimming Cezanne Friday-PE Hokusai, Mondrian	Monday- PE Miro, Moore & Kahlo Wednesday-PE Miro & Kahlo Moore- Swimming Lessons	Thursday Friday	Wednesday

Lunches:

Lunch times are staggered slightly. Years 1-3 are earlier and years 4-6 later. Children all eat in the hall together and hot dinners are back up and running.

At the start and end of each day staff will be wearing their high-visibility vests. If you have any queries please approach a member of staff and we will endeavour to help you. Class teachers and teaching assistants will be around at the start and end of the day should you have any questions or want to introduce yourself. This is your first port of call. If you require a longer meeting or a phone call please contact the office to arrange this.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and patience during these periods of change. It really is a pleasure to have such understanding and positive parents and carers at our school. We look forward to a more 'normal' year where hopefully we can open up our school to wider community events once again.

Yours Sincerely,
Helen Plant, Deputy Head