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Gate Systems and Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements

Dear Parents/ Carers

Many thanks for your patience whilst we reviewed our start and end of day procedures. As you can imagine, it has been difficult to manage and we always aim to make it as safe as we possibly can. I have been saddened to hear that the plans we put in place have not been successful and that many of you have felt concerned today.

The reason why we have made this change from before the October half term was to ensure that all children are having full access to their curriculum and that teaching hours were not reduced and kept in line with the statutory requirement and consistent across school. The school day is 8.45 until 3.15pm daily. Alterations and staggered times that were made for the first half term were only a temporary solution and could not continue.

The Key Stage Two and SCD1/2 gates and drop off and pick up arrangements are working well, and there will be no change to that system.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the following changes for morning drop off:

Reception- Drop off at Oundle Road gate 8.45 as previously

Year 1- Drop off at Family Centre KS1 Playground Gate 8.45

Year 2- Drop off at Family Centre KS1 Playground Gate 8.45

A member of staff will greet children at the gate.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the following changes for end of day pick up:

We will be operating a strict one-way system to collect the children. Parents/ carers will enter from the Family Centre and exit on Oundle Road gate. Masks must be worn and everyone will be expected to socially distance. Teachers will see the children out of the doors and then you must leave the school premises immediately. Please walk in, collect your child and walk out, do not approach the teachers, as they will be trying to safely see other children out.

Reception- Children will be seen out of the door to the right of the school canteen

Year 1- Children will be seen out of the door to the left of the school canteen

Year 2- Children will be seen out of the door outside their classroom

Please note that all gates in the morning will be open from 8.45 until 9am and after school 3.15 until 3.30pm. If you are late after the gates close in the morning, you will need to ring the buzzer to the school office at the main gate. You may be kept waiting until a member of your child's class can safely collect them so it is best that you are always on time. If you come to collect your child after 3.30pm and the gate is closed, they will be put in after school club, you can ring the bell at the Family Centre to collect them and you will be charged for the session. Masks must be worn at all times for pick up and drop off. Siblings can be dropped off together.

Many thanks for your understanding and patience whilst we reviewed.

Mrs Emily Morris
Headteacher