

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a first term it has been! It is lovely having all of our children in school. The children have returned enthusiastic and ready to learn. They have shown a resilience to the changes we have put in place and have settled in to the different routines - we are all very proud of the way they have approached the changes and challenges.

Reception/YRR

We are making a change to the arrival time of YR R children coming into school from **Tuesday 3rd November:**

The gates will open for YR R from 8.55-9.05. The lower gate (small gate) will continue to open at 8.45 for 2S, and in quick succession for 1A and 1B. All other gates and times remain the same.

Hands Face Space

Please maintain your distance when waiting and keep the path clear, and leave the site as quickly as possible. We are having parents complaining about a lack of social distancing at both drop off and pick-up. We ask that you keep your distance from one another.

A number of parents have raised with us about the wearing of facemasks at both drop off and pick up. The government guidance remains that face masks are not necessary whilst outside. However, any adult that wishes to wear a facemask may do so. If our area of Ashford moves to Tier 2, we will then insist that anyone over the age of 12 entering the school premises will be required to wear a facemask.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure your children are in the correct uniform. You will find the information on the school website. We also ask that children only wear red or black hair ties, and they do not wear bows, flowers or multi coloured hair ties in their hair. It is often difficult for children sitting behind a child wearing a large bow or flower to see the board or the teacher and they can be distracting.

Red Book Bags

This seems to be working well and space in the classroom has been maintained. However, can we remind you that the schoolbook bag should be red.

Car Park

Thank you! Since we sent the parent letter to you all, parking has been better. There are still a few parents parking across corners, on the zig- zags and across resident's driveways on Church Hill. Please can we ask you to be considerate. If you are late to collect, please do not rush, if the gate is closed come to the main reception to collect your child, as your children will be waiting for you there.

Yours sincerely

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