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Hello everyone

Firstly, thank you very much for adhering to the guidance around wearing face masks when dropping off and collecting your child from school. I appreciate your support and cooperation with this and thank you for your ongoing diligence.

I am now really pleased to be able to confirm that we have a photographer booked to take your child's school photograph (P1 and P7 individual photographs and P1-7 traditional class photographs). These photos will take place in the springtime (April) and I will of course send you further information nearer the time.

I am also very pleased that we are now able to provide **indoor PE experiences** for our children. As with everything that we do right now, our PE lessons and safety practices will adhere to all current guidance and advice and we are therefore just finalising plans in school with indoor PE starting a week on Monday. I will include some brief details for you next week.

As you will know, I ask each week for you to let me know of any thoughts or suggestions that you may have and I would therefore like to thank the kind parent who got in touch with me this week to suggest I include advice around what to do if your child is running a little late for school. (You know who you are😊.)

As previously described, we are very successfully operating a soft start approach for all children across the school. A bell therefore rings at 8.50am and all entrance doors are opened. The children can then freely come into the building and go straight to class where they can then start to order their lunch and get ready for the day ahead. At 9am the "start of the day" school bell will ring and very shortly after this, to ensure the safety of all inside, the external doors are all closed. Up until now, all gates have been left open until approximately 9.30am however, I have now asked the janitor to close all gates over much sooner, starting with the Clarkston Road Gates at approximately 9.05am. This is to avoid the potential situation where you may be running a few minutes late one day and, seeing the gates still open, you may send your child into the playground thinking the doors are still open. However, it may be the case that the doors have been closed (just after 9am) and your child may then not know how to get into the school building. This may especially be the case at Clarkston Road and with our younger children. Therefore, if you are running a few minutes late and the Clarkston Road gates are still open, please just walk down the ramp with your child and have a look to see if the doors are open or closed and if they are closed, please bring your child to the main reception and one of my office staff will happily bring them into school.

We are now one week into our Parent Meeting/ phone conversations and these seem to be running very well - I do hope you agree however, as always, please do get in touch if you have anything that you would like to share in relation to this or any other matter.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, I think the weather has to be quite bright and dry tomorrow so we can hopefully all enjoy some fresh air and time outdoors.

I'll be back in touch again next Friday if not before.

Yvonne Donaldson

Head Teacher



Our Netherlee Community Working With and For Our Children