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Dear parents/carers,

It's wonderful to have you all back!

New Pick up and drop off Trial

Thank you for your cooperation so far during the drop off and pick up times, but even with only half our school attending on both induction days we can see there are issues with space at our gates. Since all pupils will be in school for the first time together tomorrow (Friday 14th August) and the greater numbers of family members who will be coming to school, we are planning to trial updated drop-off and pick-up arrangements that will enable a controlled number of family members to be in each playground within a marked area at the drop off and pick up times.

The start and finish times and gate/playgrounds will remain the same as for the first two days but we will trial the following changes follows:

Cones will mark off the point by which parents should not cross within each playground (if we can experiment for a few days then we will add permanent lines/markers). For tomorrow, parents /carers (only one per family please) from 'A' classes may wait within the designated playground area at drop off and pick up times five minutes prior to bell. When the children from these classes are cleared from campus, 'B' classes parents may come in from the pavement area and use the wait zone. It is essential that we keep the rotation as brisk as possible. If you still wish to wait outwith the campus, you may do so. Please observe social distancing at any 'pause point' or take further mitigation measures. If this system is viable, A and B class first pick up will rotate each week.

Just a reminder that if you have children beginning at 9am and then 9.15am or if your child in P4-7 arrives between 8.55 and 9.15, playground 4 can be used as a waiting area for pupils between start times and will be supervised for these 20 minutes every morning-they will not be supervised after school. Pupils arriving early for second bell should not wait in any other area.

Our bike shed is open from 8am until 3.30pm and pupils may wheelie to school any day. Just be careful because of the bigger number of parents and little ones on the pavements.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE SHELTER AS SOON AS CHILDREN ARRIVE ON CAMPUS. NO WHEELS IN PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE 9AM OR 9.15AM BELLS PLEASE.

Please do not park for pick up or drop off on the zig zags – this is dangerous and illegal.

Access to Afterschool/School Breakfast Clubs

For those parents/carers who use the Afterschool or School Breakfast Club services, entry should be made via the main gate of the school opposite the main entrance (the gate currently used for P4 and P5 entry and exit) as this will be the only campus gate open from 8am until 8.55am.

White Street Gate

The White Street gate at the back of the school between the Aftly building and School Gym will be open between 8.45am and 9.30am each morning only, and then from 2.45pm until 3.30pm at the end of the day (Aftly have their own arrangements for collection via this gate.) Those families who use this gate to come into the school grounds should enter and make their way as quickly as possible, around the path of Playground 3 and out of the playground 3 gate. The new procedures for drop off should then be followed as detailed already.

Snack, Lunch boxes and Water

Parents/carers may elect to provide a snack for their child/children for the morning interval. We appreciate that some parents/carers prefer not to give one. From now on, if a child comes to school without a snack, the school will assume that this is the parent/carer's choice and will not provide any alternative.

Pupils are still welcome to bring insulated lunch boxes and flasks to school , and of course children may use a re-useable bag to bring their belongings instead of a plastic bag-but items must be kept to the absolute minimum please.

We all agree that well-hydrated children (and adults) learn better and feel better. As we mentioned in our return to school letter last week, the water dispensers are no longer in use within the school. All water must therefore be brought to school with your child(ren) in a bottle. If you feel your child(ren) will require more than this, an additional bottle should also be brought to school. Those pupils receiving a school lunch will have a bottle of water provided by the catering staff along with their meal which can be taken outside after they have eaten. Those pupils who bring a packed lunch can take their water bottle from home outside with them at lunchtime.

We shall be sharing information tomorrow regarding the new BACS online payment system for lunch and breakfast club.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and partnership

Hyndland Primary Leadership Team