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Dear Parent/Carer

A reminder to everyone to remember the **FACTS** especially when you are picking your child up as we don't have the space outside the school gates to accommodate lots of parents/carers. So please make sure if you are picking your child up that you stick to the times that were given at the start.



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It is also up to you as a parent/carer to share this information with childminders, if you use the childminding service. We don't have contact details for childminders on our SEEMIS system as they are out of school care.

## **School**

### **Morning Drop Off**

Thanks to all our parents and carers for following the rules when you are dropping your child off at school in the morning. By dropping your child off and leaving or allowing your child to walk into school themselves means there is no congestion in the mornings, so we really do appreciate it.

### **End of Day Pick Up**

At home time it is becoming more and more apparent that the congestion is starting to build. If you must wait then can you make sure you are socially distanced and if you can't socially distance then the advice would be to wear a mask. We have also noticed that adults continue to block the one exit gate that we have, we need this to be completely free of adults and prams etc. as the staff need to get out the gate safely to dismiss their children.

P4 – P7 children can walk home themselves or you can arrange to meet them at a designated area away from the school gates. But please all P1 – P3 parents once you have your child, please leave.

You'll have noticed that staff are outside the gate and in the playgrounds everyday to make sure children are dismissed safely, if an adult wasn't there for a child we would not dismiss them.

## **Nursery**

Can you make sure you are socially distancing when dropping off and collecting your child from nursery. This is a must and there is no give and take with it as we don't have the space to accommodate large numbers of people. Please when staff are speaking to you can you also acknowledge what they are saying as it will be important information and information you must follow.

There will be times when the staff are in a meeting, which means it won't always be possible to be at the door at 8.30am, the nursery start time is 8.45am and you should try and stick to this time, as much as possible. A gentle reminder that if your child does become upset that you wait with your own child until a staff member can assist you. The area at the ramp has to be clear at all times, but if you need to wait, wear a mask and wait behind the blue gate and social distance.

We **MUST** continue to follow all the rules to help keep all the staff and children safe at NMPS and Nursery by helping to stop the spread of the virus. We can only do this though with your support and understanding of the changes in place due to the Global Pandemic. As I have mentioned previously, COVID-19 is not gone, it is still very much with us and continues to affect individuals, communities and schools on a daily basis and we certainly don't want to be in the position where we go into a local lockdown.

We as a staff are trying our hardest to do the best we can in really difficult circumstances, the children have been amazing and adapted incredibly well to all the changes in place. So we must do our bit too, we will get through this together if we all follow the rules.

Stay safe and well

*Mrs Reid*

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