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Dear Parents and Carers,

After yesterday's announcement from the Government asking for a 'renewed national effort to bring the virus back under control', we have decided to focus our attention on our dropping off and picking up routines to help keep families safe and as socially distanced as possible during these very busy times of the school day and with our narrow 'bottleneck' lane outside the school gate. Our timings are only changing slightly to allow our youngest children to leave a few minutes earlier and to clarify the time slot for groups of siblings who are in different classes. Staff have a comprehensive list of all children in their class who have siblings and which timeslot each child should leave in.

Please be aware:

- Staff standing outside the gate helping to match parents to children will be wearing a face visor or a mask. We appreciate that the space here is narrow and that parents are having to pass close by to the staff member to get past.
- We now ask that no scooters or bikes are brought into school and that parents and carers take them home with them if children use them to travel. This is due to the extra time it takes us to manage this and the increased risk of cross contamination if staff and other children touch the scooters and bikes.
- We continue to ask that parents and carers stick strictly to the one-way system, entering up School Lane and exiting down the ginnel to come out facing the Village Hall.
- We politely ask all parents and carers to keep the queue going and move on from gate as swiftly as possible to ensure family groups do not have to pass by each other on the narrow pathway.
- We politely ask parents to stick to their allocated time slot and not to join the queue early as this may lead to staff having to send for children who are not already outside waiting.
- Children in class 3 and 4 who have siblings in class 1 or 2 will be outside in the yard waiting at 3:00.
- Children in class 3 and 4 who do not have siblings in class 1 or 2 will not come out to the yard until 3:15.
- Aberford Childcare will pick up all children in their group at 3:15
- Children in class 4 who are walking home alone will leave at 3:15
- All children may still arrive at school between 8:40 - 9:00. Parents must still follow the one-way system on a morning and avoid lingering at the gate.

Time Slots for leaving from Thursday 24th September 2020:

	<u>No Siblings in school</u>	<u>Has siblings in class 1</u>	<u>Has siblings in class 2</u>	<u>Has siblings in class 3</u>	<u>Has siblings in class 4</u>
<u>Class 1</u>	2:50 - 3:00		3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10
<u>Class 2</u>	3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10		3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10
<u>Class 3</u>	3:15 - 3:30	3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10		3:15 - 3:30
<u>Class 4</u>	3:15 - 3:30	3:00 - 3:10	3:00 - 3:10	3:15 - 3:30	

We have checked our risk assessment against yesterday's announcement and the rest of the safety measures in school remain safe and compliant. We will, of course, continue to monitor our systems and make changes as necessary when and if circumstances change or new guidance is issued.

We appreciate all your support and understanding throughout this time and are very grateful to you all for helping us to keep our school Covid safe.

Many thanks,

Mrs Crossley