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***Important: Picking up from school***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We mentioned in a previous letter thatwe’d be monitoring arrangements for pick-ups and drop-offs.We are happy with how things are working in the mornings as our children stream in and you stream out.

However, as you will have no doubt seen, the afternoons are more congested and require us to be socially responsible and consider ways of ensuring our procedures enable people to be socially distant. We have looked at a number of ways to enable social distancing, including one-way systems and staggered times, and we are constantly reviewing what is working and what is not.

Because of congestion, from this afternoon ***we ask that when collecting your children, you please wear face coverings***. Please do not fret if you didn’t receive this email in time for today though. We have spoken to your children about face coverings and told them to expect this after school, so they are not surprised or worried about the changes.

**Mr Stockwell will be opening the gates shortly after 3.05pm** for those who finish at 3.15pm so **please do not arrive before this time as it will mean further congestion outside the gates**. Can I please ask you that despite our relatively small grounds, you do your best to maintain the 2m distance where possible, be considerate of others, and take particular care when exiting our very narrow junior gate.

As much as we love that school pick up can be a source of socialising, under the circumstances can you please consider the best way to maintain social distancing and exit the school grounds as safely and as quickly as possible. As you know, our school grounds and the surrounding areas are not spacious and so in order for our measures to work, we need your help in being vigilant.

We are looking at the possibility of having work done to widen our junior gate and it is very likely that we will be staggering our end times ever so slightly to help you to maintain social distancing.

We’ll be in touch soon regarding this and, as always, greatly appreciate your support and understanding.

Kind regards,

***Simon Parker***

Head Teacher