

Friday, 6th November, 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

We intend to trial a new system for drop off and collection of children. Start and end times as well as where the children line up **will remain the same** but we would like to change the entrance and exit gates used.

From Monday, please use the gates stated in the table below to enter and leave our premises:

Classes	Lining Up Point	Entry Gate	Exit Gate
EYFS	EYFS	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library	Staff car park gate
Y1 Miss Cawthray Y3/4 Miss Smith	Front Wall along Lake Lock Road	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library
Y2 Miss Brown Y5/6 Mr Cundall	Playground wall adjacent to the large metal gate	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library
Y2 Miss Thackrah Y4 Miss Ogden Y5 Miss Schofield	Red door in playground	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library	Large metal gate opposite Stanley Community Library
Y3 Mrs Cook Y6 Mrs Hick	Ginnel at side of our own library	Staff car park gate	Staff car park gate

As you will probably notice, the entrance and exit route for EYFS remains the same. For all other year groups, we would like to trial using the **same gate to enter and leave our premises**.

We are trialing this in the hopes that it will prevent parents from congregating at the entrance gate so that they do not have to go through the one-way system. Should this not work out or unforeseen problems arise, we may have to revert back to our usual system.

The new guidance for educational settings regarding lockdown has been published. Our clinically extremely vulnerable staff are no longer able to work in school to undertake their usual roles. Obviously, this has presented some staffing challenges but I would like to reassure you that we are committed to ensuring that your children still receive an excellent education and that their needs are met. Other than this, I am pleased to report that the additional measures we imposed as a result of going into Tier 3 are all the changes that we need to make to our risk assessment at this time.

Please note that despite repeated requests for parents to wear face coverings, we are still seeing a high number of parents without them. Please wear a face covering when on our premises unless you are exempt from doing so on medical grounds.

Can I also please ask that you do not take your children to visit the park immediately before or after school. It is important to remember that it is now against the rules to mix with people who are not in your household or support bubble whilst out for exercise anyway. I have requested that our local PCSO undertakes the occasional visit to our school in order to support us with this matter and I would greatly appreciate your co-operation too.

More specifically, we have a group of our Year 6 children that are frequently visiting the park before and after school. Just to be clear, this is also against the rules, which I know seems odd as they are allowed to be together in school, but I feel that I needed to bring this to your attention. Please see the extract from the official guidance below:

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with:

- **the people you live with**
- **your support bubble**
- **or, when on your own, 1 person from another household. Children under 5, as well as disabled people dependent on round-the-clock care are not counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside.'**

The virus is increasingly prevalent in our area and you may be aware that the local day nursery has had to temporarily close. I only mention this as I want to ensure that you fully understand why I am requesting that you do these things mentioned in this letter. If we all pull together and do our part, we have a much better chance of avoiding any bubble closures.

May I, once again, take this opportunity to remind you that if your child (or any member of your household) has one or more of the following main COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household should self-isolate and you should book a test for the affected person only. Details of how to book a test are on our website.

Attendance at school remains compulsory and the DfE have made it clear that the powers schools have to tackle poor attendance are still in force. Therefore, I would urge you to telephone me to discuss any worries you have before deciding to keep your children at home.

Finally, again to end on a positive note, I would like to send a massive congratulations to David Wyatt in Parks Class for being our £20 attendance voucher winner this half-term. I hope you spend it wisely David!

Kind regards,

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