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Dear Parents / Carers

COVID-19 Update

As we face a tightening of restrictions due to the increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases across South Yorkshire and beyond, I have received a complaint regarding actions taking place at the back gate of school.

Some of our parents / carers have been seen to be disregarding the social distancing rules on a number of occasions and as a result are also blocking the exit point and pavement for the children in Class 3 and 5. Whilst we appreciate that the space at the back of school is limited, it is important to ensure that we maintain safe distancing at all times.

The picture across schools in our local area is one of bubble closures and significant percentages of children and adults requiring a test. In light of the complaint, could I please stress the importance of following the rules and expectations that we have in place in order to ensure that we keep all of our children, staff, parents / carers and members of our community safe and well.

KEY HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGES

1. Only arrive at the specified drop off and pick up times. **Please do not arrive early and wait in the school grounds or at the school gates.** The staggered times are in place to ensure that the number of adults in and around school is minimised.
2. Only one parent or carer to drop off / pick up.
3. Older children are encouraged to come into school independently.
4. Keep a safe distance from other families **at all times** please.
5. Please leave the school grounds as soon as possible and avoid congregating on the playground or at the exit points.
6. Please keep children close by at all times- this includes siblings who should not run around or away from parents / carers.
7. Cyclists and scooters should dismount from their bike/scooter once on the playground.
8. A test is only required for a person who is displaying one or more of the three key symptoms (ie high temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss of sense of smell or taste)



9. If a child (or a member of their household) takes a test, they must self-isolate until the result has been received. If it is negative, they can return to school. If it is not, a period of self-isolation begins and we will send school work home.
10. Children who are unwell should stay at home and should not be brought to the school grounds please.
11. Children are kept apart from all other bubbles during the entire school day for everyone's safety, which takes an enormous effort from all staff. This should be followed at home time please.

I am sure that you will support us in ensuring that we keep our school and wider community as safe as we possibly can by following all the current restrictions at this time. Many more of our local schools have already been affected by positive cases of COVID-19, which has impacted on more of their bubbles having to be closed for 14 days.

Please do work with us to keep our families safe and well. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Warmest regards

Sharon Irwin

SCHOOL SAFETY RULES

	Do not enter premises if you are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, or been in contact with anyone with symptoms
	Only one parent / adult to accompany child to setting
	Please adhere to any allocated drop off or collection times
	Please do not gather at entrances, gates or doors
	Do not enter site unless you have a pre-arranged appointment
	Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
	Respect social distancing keep a safe distance from others
	Cover coughs and sneezes and dispose of tissues responsibly or take them home with you