

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

15th September 2020

Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to you all to express my gratitude in the way that our families have responded to the changes that we have tried to implement in order to keep our community as safe as possible. There is much more distancing in the playground, with many adults also wearing face masks and this really helps us put the kind of measures in place that reduces the risk of any virus spreading.

Over the last few days, we have needed to ask younger siblings to return to families at the end of the school day. It is really important that you make sure your child stays with you during this time. We are becoming concerned at the number of younger children mixing with children from other bubbles (excluding siblings).

Parking

Over the past few days, many parents and local residents have discussed their concerns with me regarding the safety of the children during busier times of the day, specifically when children are either brought to school or collected from school at the end of the day. As a school, we have often discussed road safety during staff meetings, leadership meetings and at governors' meetings.

Through consistently working alongside our parish council, our MP and Kent County Council, we are constantly exploring what options are available to us to help ensure the children arrive and leave our school safely.

In the meantime, I would urge you all to drive considerately and safely, particularly in respect of the following:

- Please make best use of the local parking available, rather than parking as close as you can to the school. We are very fortunate to have access to a private car park and this was approximately 30% full when I monitored road safety this morning. By utilising this free car park, this will help address a great deal of the road safety concerns that have been raised.
- Please respect the zig-zag markings outside the school which are there to ensure everyone's safety.
- Please avoid parking too close to the give way sections on Birling Road. This causes significant road safety issues for our community.

Our children's safety is our primary concern, so please take an extra few minutes to ensure that you can contribute to making the roads around the school as safe as they can possibly be.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve road safety further, please contact me so we can discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Childs

Headteacher