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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to having all children back on site next week and a return to more normal schooling. This is just a short update to support the information sent previously and posted on Dojo as a final reminder about the arrangements in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Infection rates in our area are still higher than we would all like so it really is important that everyone follows the arrangements in place, which are designed to reduce contact between adults at the beginning and end of the day.

Apart from Reception and Nursery children who have a slightly later start window between 8:55 a.m. and 9:10, all other children may arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. (gates may open slightly earlier at 8:40 a.m. where possible but will always close at 8:55 a.m.). To ensure we reduce the adults and children at any one gate we return to last term's entrances and exits shown on the picture overleaf.

Dismissal times are more or less the same as normal with Reception and Nursery dismissing from 3:00p.m. until 3:10 p.m. and the rest of the school 3:15 p.m. until 3:25 p.m. apart from Y1 and Y5 who will start a little earlier at 3:10 to 3:20 p.m. to reduce congestion. Please make sure you have collected your child by the latest time for your child's year group so we are not left with lots of children from different bubbles all needing supervising safely as was sometimes the case last term.

Please ensure you wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting, keep 2m between the next person in the queue, ensuring that you limit the number of adults that come to school, with just one parent or carer wherever possible, please.

Please ensure you respect all the road marking and park away from school, walking in for the safety of all, wherever possible please. There will be no access for parents to park on the spare ground next to the old school building. These gates will be locked to ensure we can dismiss our Y3 children safely.

All staff will be working hard to settle the children back into school, to establish the important routines of school and to ensure that the lessons are tailored to meet the needs of the children who may well have had different experiences of home learning. You'll have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the Parent Consultation phone appointments the week commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have further questions about the return to full school opening, please refer to the main question and answer letter which has been sent out a couple of times now but you can find it easily on the website by following this link: Question and Answer Letter. Of course, you can also contact us directly if you need to.

Finally, I'd once again like to thank you for all your support during this exceptionally challenging time and hope that we never again have to return to a 'lock down school' situation. We do, however, all have our part to play in this by respecting all the arrangements to make this first step as safe and successful as possible.

Yours sincerely,

L Williamson

Mrs Lynne Williamson

**Head Teacher** 

## **School Entrance and Exit Map**

