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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support and patience this week with our change to just two pick up times. The new timings have already made a difference to our teaching times. The previous pick up meant that we were losing at least 40 minutes of teaching time each afternoon; additional handwashing also impacts sessions at the moment.

As is often the case with change, we have had to make slight adaptations to the system. We have assessed the situation each day and have tried to address any issues that have arisen.

To clarify the pick up ...

Children with surnames A-L are collected at 3.15. Those with surnames M-Z at 3.30.

We have suggested that parents/carers of children who are in Key Stage 2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers) can greet them by the side gate. There will always be a member of staff who opens this gate and ensures that children only leave when their adult is there or unless the office has been notified that children are walking home by themselves.

Any children/families with younger children (Cygnets, Swans and Robins) must have a parent/adult collect them from the playground - still following the one way system of entering the playground from the main gate when this is opened by a member of staff.

Parking continues to be a challenge at times, we have a very busy and fast road outside of the school which is not particularly pleasant. There are still occasions when we are seeing cars completing u-turns or reversing into the farmyard - neither of which is very safe or respectful to our neighbours. There is parking available in the car park by the parish hall which is just a short walk away. Although there is the car park behind school, spaces are limited, the road is really only single track and the junction with the main road is not easy due to the layout of the road. As we have families walking down this road, please could I ask that parents/careers refrain from driving up or down here at the pick up times - a journey up before the gates open is absolutely fine; people leave the area pretty quickly so by the time families have walked up the hill to the car the road is generally clear for the journey home. Please help us to keep everyone, whether walking or in cars, as safe as possible.



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Please could we remind people to continue to observe social distancing guidelines both on the playground and outside of the school. We would like to continue to encourage the wearing of face masks when collecting children.

If you do have any questions or concerns please do contact the office or speak to your child's teacher and we will do our best to address them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Morris
Head of School