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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Next week the Friday Letter will return – I know you have really missed it – but a further parent information letter outlining some more clarifications to the new routines was deemed more appropriate. We have made a successful start to the year given all of the changes that have been made and it has been wonderful to see the children back.

Arriving and Leaving School

Keeping to Time

Timings for drop off and collection were even better on Friday, thank you. We love the eagerness to come into school, but please remember that your child should arrive for the time stated (it only takes a minute to walk into the Junior playground from the gate). If the school gates are shut, please do not open them until a member of staff comes outside to let pupils or parents in. This is because pupils may be using the front of school as a walkway at this time.

Childminders and After School Club

It is even more important that staff know how your child is going home at the end of the day. With regards to childminders and Moss Side After School Club in particular, once lists are in place we will expect children to leave in this way (out via the hall). Should you change your mind, please liaise with your childminder or Moss Side After School Club to collect your child from them, rather than school.

At the moment, the volume of calls that we receive make it hard for us, as a school, to adjust these arrangements and they must go through your childminder or the club.

Drop off and collection for older pupils

Many of our older pupils made their own way to and from school, either all the way home or to meet a parent offsite. This is a great way to build independence and also reduces the amount of adults on site. Although it is for each family to assess whether this is suitable for them, I would encourage all of our families, especially Year 5 and 6 to consider whether this would be suitable for them.

One Adult

Please remember that one of the main purposes behind staggered drop offs and pick ups is to reduce the amount of adults coming together who may transmit COVID-19 around our community. Thank you to all those parents who supported our request to only bring one adult onto the school site. In a similar way, although we normally love to see well trained dogs, if it is possible to leave them at home, it would reduce the traffic around school.

It is also important to leave the site quickly, not hovering on the playground or clustering around the gates in the morning.



Data Forms

Mrs Price and Mrs Cranmer have sent out the data collection forms again with pupils today. Please check them carefully as it is crucial that we have the correct details for all pupils. They should be **returned by next Friday 11th September**, so that we can leave them in school over the weekend before any changes are made to our system.

Dinners

Although we requested the information during the summer, there have still been a lot of pupils who have changed their dinner request when they returned yesterday. Therefore, in order to make it fair, we will extend the deadline for any **changes to next Friday 11th September**.

After that point, all dinners requests will remain the same until October half term. Please note that any changes requested next week **will not start until Monday 14th September** as dinners are now ordered for next week.

It is **really important to review the menu with your child** and discuss whether they will want to eat it or not. Although we will continue to encourage, the restrictions around lunches made by the current situation mean that we have not got time to swap and/or heavily monitor what pupils are eating.

Scooters and Bikes

Pupils on the Junior side (including Mrs Simpkins' class) can bring scooters or bikes should they make the journey to school easier but please do not bring them if it is unnecessary. Mrs Simpkins' class should store them in the normal place, with all others putting them by the fence near the tyres. Parents are reminded that we cannot be responsible for scooters and bikes left on the premises during the day.

Thank You

Thank you to all of our families who have understood the compromises that have needed to be made and have tried to follow the vast array of new information that has come your way. We will need your continued support to embed these changes and continue to educate your children.

A huge thank you to the staff who have worked incredibly hard over the last few months, giving up large parts of their holidays and coping with many changes, to put things in place that have allowed pupils to return. We will continue to work as a team to perfect things and strike a balance between safety, education, warmth and fun.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Wright