



EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made increasingly aware of some issues with people arriving and departing from the school site at the start and end of the day. The one-way system in place that has been agreed with the infant school means that in the morning the gates on the road way into the school are used for pedestrian access only between 8:30am and 9:05am. If you are arriving or leaving the school site after this time you must use the footpath and be aware of other members of the community that may well be walking in the opposite direction. This will require a certain level of courtesy to be displayed as people may need to step aside to allow others to safely pass. We have been informed by Public Health England that such passing contact represent no risk or transmission and it is only when in close proximity to someone for a period of 15 minutes or more than the risk increases. The same will apply after 3:30pm when the road way will be open to vehicles that need to leave the site (between 3pm and 3:30pm the vehicle gates will be open for pedestrian access only). As a school we have limited resources and are not in a position to police how every person enters and leaves our school site and we ask that you cooperate with us and each other as much as possible. It is unacceptable to direct any anger or frustration you may be feeling towards any member of staff at Emmbrook Infant or Junior School.

For those using the bike sheds, there is still a one way-system in place for it's use. Please remind your children to follow the one-way system when dropping off bikes or scooters (which must not be ridden on site).

Several parents have raised the issue of both schools making the wearing of masks compulsory on the school site. When visitors enter the junior school building they are required to wear a mask or face covering in line with our updated visitors policy. We would like to encourage all parents to wear a face mask when they are dropping off or collecting children from school but will not be challenging those that choose not to do so and given that people may have a medical exemption or need to communicate with one of our hearing impaired children we will not tolerate members of our community challenging each other around the issue of mask wearing on school grounds. I should add that I won't be wearing a mask at the start and end of the day when I am outside greeting people or saying goodbye.

Finally, I must ask that any parents or carers waiting to collect children from the junior school at 3:15pm do not allow other children to use the climbing frame or play equipment or run around the playground. Please keep your children with you and remember to socially distance from other adults while on site and when leaving the school grounds.

I apologise if anyone feels like they are being told off, this is not my intention particularly since the majority of our community are acting responsibly. Our aim is to not only keep everyone as safe as possible but to reduce any anxiety people may be feeling during these difficult times.

We thank you for your on-going support and understanding.

Mr. J. Usher
Head Teacher
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