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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school yesterday after the break and to begin the new half term without the restrictions of bubbles and staggered starts and finishes to the school day.

To ensure the new start and end of the day school arrangements can run smoothly, we ask that all parents note the following:

Kiss and Drop at the start of the day

- The school gates open at 8.35am. PARENTS/CARERS ARE NOT TO ARRIVE OR START QUEUING BEFORE THIS TIME, AS IT IS CAUSING TRAFFIC ISSUES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF.
- All families with Owlet children are not to arrive earlier than 8.45am.
- All families with Owlet children where possible must park in the allocated spaces opposite the Kiss and Drop and not use the Kiss and Drop.

Kiss and Drop at the end of the day

At the end of the school day, parents should not arrive before 3.15pm, the Kiss and Drop is not designed to be a waiting area. PARENTS/CARERS ARRIVING OR STARTING TO QUEUE BEFORE THIS TIME ARE CAUSING TRAFFIC ISSUES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF.

To help with the number of cars arriving to collect children, we have asked for parents to observe the following guide:

- Individual children and family groups from Reception and Key Stage 1 only to be collected between 3.15pm and 3.20pm.
- > All other children to be collected between 3.20pm and 3.30pm.

We ask that parents either walk *or* drive to school to collect children. DO NOT drive partway, park near school and walk across to collect children. PARKED CARS ALONG ETSOME ROAD ARE CAUSING CONGESTION AND CREATING LONG QUEUES.

Whilst we understand that many parents prefer to bring children to and from school by car in rainy weather, we do want to encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible. PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER DRIVING TO SCHOOL IS REALLY NECESSARY.

We thank you in advance for helping to improve the start and end of the school day arrangements.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson Headteacher