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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for all your support since the reopening of school at the start of this academic year. A great deal of planning went into the opening of schools in Durham with advice from the Local Authority. Therefore, as we begin the third full week of school it may be useful to look at what is working well and some reminders to parents:

**Having spoken to staff, and gained valuable feedback from some parents, the following have been noted as positives:**

- Children following the rules in school and showing exemplary behaviour.
- Parents and staff wearing masks when on the school grounds.
- Parents keeping social distance when **entering** school or doing so quickly when reminded by Mrs Snowdon.
- Parents using the agreed communication methods of email, phone calls and speaking to Mrs Snowdon rather than teachers.
- The drop off to school where parents quickly go and lead up the ramp and out of school.
- Parents with pushchairs waiting in the infant outdoor seating area to leave when it is safe to do so out of the gate with Mrs Snowdon's agreement.
- Pupils quickly leaving bikes and scooters to walk into their classrooms in the morning.

**However, the following reminders need to be made:**

- ALL parents must collect their child from school and should not be standing by the top gate waiting for them to be sent out as this potentially blocks the exit.
- You **MUST** follow the social distance guidance and markers have been put on the yard.
- If you are waiting on the yard for your junior child you must keep social distance from other parents.
- After collecting your child follow social distancing guidance and keep away from the parent in front when leaving school.
- Keep your children with you at all times when leaving school.

We developed our one-way system for entering and leaving school to ensure parents can enter and exit with reduced social contact. As an extra precaution we have requested that all adults wear a mask correctly when on school grounds. We open our gates and parents can collect children so they can leave quickly from the top gate again reducing social contact. We did consider a staggered start and finish but we know that when we did this from March to July during school closure many parents found it difficult to stick to exact times due to traffic or other circumstances. Many thanks for all the positives we have noted but please keep supporting our school community by following ALL the guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

*L A Snowdon*

Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)