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Dear Parent / Carer,

In my previous letter we said we would be reviewing procedures after a period of trialling. From observations the morning open arrival appears to be working well. The majority of children are arriving between 8:50am – 9:00am. Between 9:00am and 9:10am there are smaller numbers arriving. Therefore, the morning procedures (below) will continue to operate.

Morning

The school gates will open between 8:45a - 8:50am. Entry into school will begin at 8:50am for pupils. Pupils should arrive between 8:50am - 9:10am. Pupils should enter the school via their allocated doors on arrival. Social distancing between parents is vitally important on the school yard and outside on the street. We have sprayed 'feet' 2 metres apart to demonstrate the distance adults should observe. The gate in the lane near KPC will be locked at 9:10am and the gate on Pyle Inn Way will be locked at 9:15am. If you arrive after this time please telephone the school for the gate to be unlocked.

End of the school day

From **Monday 28th September** there will be a different staggered end to the day. Please see the times below:

- **3:05pm** – All children with no siblings (i.e. all children with no brothers and sisters in school)
- **3:15pm** – All children with siblings (brothers & sisters) in our school

The reasons the changes are as follows:

- It has been observed that there has been an increase in children playing on the adventure trail equipment while waiting for siblings to finish school.
- There are a number of parents having to wait to collect children from classes that finish at different times and with the wet weather ahead it will prevent parents from waiting.
- Parents must socially distance 2 metres apart on the yard (see sprayed feet)
- Parents who need to wait to collect children at the different times should respect social distancing
- Please do not ask to collect children early from school, the staggered times have been implemented to ease congestion at the school gates and on the yard.
- Please give way to parents and children exiting the yard/gate (if you are arriving)
- Please leave the school grounds as soon as possible and respect social distancing

We will review the procedures again in a week and if necessary further changes will be made.



INSET Day

There will be no school for pupils on Friday 23rd October due to a school training day.

Birthday Cake

I am very sorry but we cannot allow Birthday Cake into school at the present time. Apologies, it is not something I want to stop and it is just a temporary measure due to COVID19.

Fruit Money

To avoid the frequent handling of money for staff, parents are kindly asked to pay for fruit on a weekly basis. Please put £1.50 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. We will supply envelopes to help with this request.

Water bottles

To avoid the sharing of cups, please supply your child with a re-fillable water bottle. Re-fillable Pll Primary School water bottles can be purchased for £1.50. Please provide water only!!

Sandwiches

Please consider carefully how much food you provide your child in their lunch box. The children only have 30 minutes to eat their sandwiches. As sandwich children are eating in their classroom, please supply a spoon if your child has a yoghurt in their lunchbox. Please do not send your child with peanut butter or Nutella as we have children and staff with allergies.

Physical Education

Your child should have brought home a letter from their class teacher with important information about their classroom routine. Please ensure they have the correct clothing on the relevant days to make PE lessons more enjoyable.

Family Letters

To reduce the amount of paper we send home we will be sending family letters out at certain times. That means the youngest sibling will receive the letter if you have more than one child in the school. Our aim in the long term is to be paperless with all letters going through the SIMS Parent App. Please provide us with your email address and we will send you an invite to the app. Please remember the text message service will end on 7th November.

We are all experiencing new challenges and procedures that need to be tested and tried before we can evaluate their effectiveness. Regular reviews will be carried out and amendments will be made based on a balanced approach. A one size fits all approach will not suit everyone, however an element of flexibility is needed. I am very grateful for your on-going support and understanding.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation

Yours sincerely

N Pryce
Headteacher

