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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children had a fantastic start to the new school year. We were very proud of how they were yesterday considering many pupils haven't been on a school site for 6 months and we had a large cohort of children new to Court Lane Junior School.

A lot of thought and logistical planning has been given to the start and end of the school day. We tried to implement a drop off and pick up according to our June/July arrangements, however, with large numbers this is not working. We are concerned about the congestion on Hilary Avenue and the number of adults interacting with each other without socially distancing.

At the Year 3 / 4 gate, there is more space and flow where parents, when invited to, can come through the gates and wait just in front of the hedge in a Year 3 and Year 4 specific area, still well away from the classrooms. The first morning was busier but the flow has worked very well this morning. We will stick with this.

Despite children in the Upper School, especially Year 6, coming to and from school more independently, the narrow access at the Year 5 / 6 gate is causing us all safety concerns. Therefore, from this afternoon, Year 5 parents will be invited to a designated area on the small playground which backs onto the corridor. Signage will be displayed. From here it will be easier to see as the Year 5 classroom doors open. Year 6 parents who wish to wait will be shown to an area to the right of the path, inside the gate under the trees.

Please try to keep to the staggered window time and try to remain on site for the minimum time required and leave as soon as your child has joined you. We are keen to keep gate areas free for transition so that it is not a place to congregate. Please respect our neighbours and a reminder that dogs are not allowed on either school site. If you are a childminder and are finding drop off and pick up particularly difficult, please contact the office to speak to me directly.

All plans have to be trialled and have been rigorously risk assessed in advance by our Trust. I will be informing them of the changes we are making today to try to mitigate the risks of increased adults waiting outside the school site.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher