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Dear Parents and Carers,

Drop and go within the bubble time

I write urging all adults to comply with national social distancing rules. School staff have been reminding adults of expectations but I urge all parent and carers to comply with this.

As you know we have created additional year group waiting areas on site and, for most families who are sticking to their ten-minute bubble window, there is minimum time spent there. We are finding that most children are dropped off within the first five minutes of their bubble, but those that come in the last five minutes encounter virtually no-one else.

I strongly advise adults to wear a facemask when bringing children to and from school. Whilst Government advice on face masks is not yet mandatory for wearing in open areas, they do help minimise others from the wearer's germs and will give added confidence and be a safety reminder to our school community. Smoking and vaping is not permitted on either site.

Do not stop and wait for your child in either gate area and avoid socialising on the pathways please. To help ease congestion on the pavement for the first of the staggered starts we shall be trialling opening the Junior School gates five minutes earlier from tomorrow morning. If you do end up queuing outside keep your 2m distance and please queue in a single file to allow others to pass.

Car drivers must not park on zig-zag lines or encourage children to hop out of the car from the middle of the road opposite the gates.

I shall be writing home tomorrow with all the other usual start of year reminders. Normally this goes in the first newsletter but having had a long period of time away from Court Lane Junior School I think it would help to remind us all of non-covid routines.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Ramshaw Head Teacher