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Dear Parents / Carers

Drop-off and Pick Up Routine

I am writing regarding the situation at the gates at the start and end of the day.

Overall, it continues to go smoothly and safely. In fact, one of our new parents for next year commented on it today and said how organised it looked.

However, there are an increasing number of parents who are arriving at school too early and then queuing at the gates. The vast majority of these parents are waiting sensibly and socially distanced, but there are a few who are standing chatting to other parents and blocking the pavement. I have had a number of parents complain to me that they and their children are having to walk in the road to get to the correct gate. I saw this happen myself yesterday. Having to walk in the road is not safe and not acceptable.

Please remember the following:

- Avoid arriving early.
- If you do arrive early queue on the hedge side of the pavement allowing other families to pass on the pavement.
- If you have children with you, please keep them next to you rather than letting them run on the pavement.
- Socially distance from other families.
- After dropping your child or picking them up do not wait at the gate, especially by the barriers at the top gate as it can cause congestion.
- Avoid bringing dogs to school, some children are afraid of these while others want to stroke them which can cause congestion.

Thank you for your cooperation with this, it will help to make drop-off and pick-up safer for all.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

