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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

The children have come back, many with big smiles on their faces, and have settled in well to their new routines. All staff and myself were so pleased to see them all after such a long time!

The staggered start of the day has worked really well and I really appreciate you arriving on time. The end of the day yesterday didn't work so well and I apologise for the fact that children did not come out in family groups. Today we will try a new system where children will come out in family groups. That will hopefully remove the need for too much congregation outside the front of the school. Please bear with us as we work through new systems of working.

When you arrive at the school can you please stand on the marked lines and move forward on to the smiley face just outside the gate so we can see you and then call your child/children. While waiting please be respectful of the safety of other parents – keep a safe distance apart and comply with current COVID safety regulations.

Reception including any older siblings will finish at 3:00pm.

(As Reception will not be in full time until the week beginning Monday 5th October, then please collect your child for their Year group time until then.)

YR1/2 including any older siblings will finish at 3:05pm

YR3/4 including any older siblings will finish at 3:10pm

YR5/6 will finish at 3:15pm

These times will need to be adhered to unless you have already informed me of any difficulties.

Please read below important information regarding COVID 19

- The following are now recognised symptoms of COVID-19:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
- If your child has these recognised symptoms, you must inform the school and then get tested. Please book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These are:

- test centre – booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test and the nearest ones in South Gloucestershire are: Bristol (Bristol Airport) or Gloucester (Hempstead Meadow) [online booking portal](#)
- home test kit – parents or carers can order a home test kit for their child or young person [online booking portal](#)
- All schools, including our own have been given a very limited stock of home test kits. These will **only** be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. If you have access as a parent or carer to the internet at home, it would be expected that you would book a test through the online portal in the first instance please.
- **We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is negative, you must still notify the school immediately of the outcome.** They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire to update their records in line with their standard operating procedures.
- **We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is positive, you must notify the school immediately of the outcome.** They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with your child to self-isolate in line with national guidance; this will be managed sensitively.
- If there were to be any confirmed cases with a child or young person in our school, then our leaders will work with Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with the confirmed case to self-isolate in line with national guidance.

Kind regards



Helen Green