

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly I would like to say thank you to everyone who is being so supportive of the school at the moment and continuing to ensure that your children attend every day. Even though we have had to close a bubble this week, and have encountered some challenges with regard to staff illness we still have over 97% attendance. This continues to be above the national average so thank you!

I would also like to say thank you to all the staff, who are working incredibly hard, in difficult circumstances to ensure that school provision continues to run smoothly and that the children benefit from consistent, high quality teaching and support. Their resilience and positivity every day are an inspiration!

Drop off and Collection Systems

Thank you to those parents who are continuing to be very careful about following the school procedures to keep everyone safe. As Doncaster has been moved into the High-Risk category, it is very clear that we all need to be working together to prevent the spread of this virus in our community.

Unfortunately, despite several reminders, a small number of parents /carers are continuing to ignore our pleas to respect social distancing rules at drop off and collection times. The staff in school are working incredibly hard to keep things as safe as possible for your children when they are inside school, but we need your help to keep these transition points coming from home to school and school to home as safe as we can.

Once again, here are the things that you **MUST** do to keep your own family, and others safe.

- **Wear a face mask** at all times when you are dropping off and collecting children
- Maintain **social distancing**. You should be standing At LEAST 2m apart, and more if possible
- **Year 1 parents**- please wait on the grass area in front of the church and Y1 gate. **DO NOT** block the paths as this causes too much congestion as others try to get past.
- **Do not arrive too early** for either drop off or pick up times. We have narrowed the window for drop off and collection so that no parents or carers should be on site for more than a few minutes.
- When you have dropped off or collected your child, please vacate the premises quickly. We ask that you respect the fact that this cannot be a time for adult social chat at the moment because this represent a risk to everyone.

I would also like to remind everyone that dogs/ puppies **MUST NOT** be brought onto school premises. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have responded to this request. Children love to pet and fuss animals but at the moment, this should not be happening because social distancing simply does not happen when children are gathering to pet dogs and puppies! This is why we ask that you do not bring them to school.

I do hope that you appreciate that we have these rules as part of the school risk assessment that we need to follow to keep ALL OF US safe.

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At Canon Popham, we always try to work with families and to provide as warm and welcoming an environment as we can. However, if we find that parents and carers continue not to follow these few, simple rules, we may have no alternative but to review the drop off and pick up systems in order to restrict even further the numbers of people on and around our site at any one time. We really don't want to have to change our systems and timings, but we need your help if we are to avoid having to review things in order to maintain safety.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Navas



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