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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Social Distancing at Drop-Off and Collection

Some parents have raised concerns around the lack of social distancing at drop off and especially at pick up. I have also noticed some families entering the site together and children running on ahead from parents. As we are now in a situation of local restrictions within The Vale of Glamorgan, it is even more important that we maintain the 2m rule in order to ensure everyone's safety. Whilst being outside is safer, the rules around 2m social distancing still apply. Please take particular notice of the following:

- We need to try and maintain an unofficial one way system beyond the school site. I realise there are difficulties with this due to the position of the zebra crossing but ideally people should not be passing those who are still in the queue. Wherever possible, when leaving the site, please cross onto the common and then walk down to wherever your car happens to be before crossing back.
- If you are joining the queue from the Westra side, can I please request that you cross onto the common and then walk down until you are in line with the end of the queue? I do understand it is more difficult for those with buggies and small children but if all those who are able to, do so, it will hopefully ease the problem.
- Please maintain 2m between yourself and all other families. Although we are allowed to meet others outdoors, it is still with the 2m rule in place.
- Please do not jump the queue or allow other families to 'push in' in front of you. It is obviously frustrating for those who are queuing behind but more importantly means that social distancing will be compromised.
- Please keep your children with you at all times – do not allow them to run on ahead or lag behind.
- Only one adult per family please.
- The situation would also be helped if more parents/grandparents arrived at the latter half of the pick-up time when it is quieter. i.e. around or even just after 3.15.
- Please, please ensure others picking your children up – grandparents or wrap around care etc. also know the drop off and collection systems.

Whilst I cannot enforce the above as it is outside the school site, I really hope you will try and cooperate with us on this. We have worked very hard to develop a covid secure but efficient system at the start and end of the day and I thank you for your support. I have heard of some schools where systems mean some families hanging around for long periods for various staggered drop off times. As we enter winter, the last thing I want is for anyone to be waiting around in the wet and cold. A last resort could be asking everyone to wear masks. Please help us to keep the system working whilst keeping everyone safe. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Gen Hallett
Headteacher