



Welcome back to a new school year and a special 'hello' to all our new families joining us for the first time. I hope you have been made to feel welcome at our school, and had any questions or concerns fully answered.

Although it may feel like school is back to 'normal' we can see each day, on the news, that cases of COVID nationally are increasing. Ewell Grove needs our parent community to work and support us, to ensure the measures we are putting in place mitigate as many risks as possible. A risk assessment is a 'dynamic' document and therefore changes are made every time we think a more effective approach, to keeping everyone safe, can be found.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recently announced that they will be carrying out spot-checks on schools. I am therefore asking you to play your part, especially at drop off and pick-ups by:

Please drop/collect and leave as quickly as possible to avoid unnecessary congestion.

- Only one parent must ever attend pickups and drop offs.
- Only arriving during your designated drop-off/pick up time – please do not 'hang around' to socialise/wave through the fence.
- Children must stay by their adult not run around
- If you have more than one child, move away from the access gates at any time that you are waiting
- Ensuring everyone stays off the pavement to allow free movement for other members of the public who are entitled to uninterrupted access.

The School Staff are currently being constantly interrupted in their work with complaints about parent's behaviour; sadly, mostly from within our own school but very occasionally from members of the public. I need our staff to be firmly fixed on maintaining our risk assessment, in order to keep your children safe. Please help us achieve this by engaging with our new rules and processes. I understand that some of you may feel we are attempting to do something that is seemingly impossible!

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Reception <i>From 14th Sept.</i>	9:05 am	3:10 pm
Year 1	8:55 am	3:00 pm
Year 2	8:45 am	2:50 pm
Year 3	8:55 am	3:10 pm
Year 4	8:45 am	3:00 pm
Year 5	9:00 am	3:15 pm
Year 6	8:50 am	3:05 pm

PARENT COMMUNICATION

We are having to continually change, adapt and evolve many aspects of school life. We fully appreciate that parental communication is key to this. Currently we are working on plans for Year Group Meetings, Gold Book and Parents' Evening. Further information will follow shortly.

Our weekly newsletter is sent out by ParentMail on a Friday. For this week only all new parents will receive a paper copy of this letter – this is to allow you to check that you have received it by ParentMail.

If you have not received a ParentMail please speak to the School Office to make sure we have the correct email address for you.

Newsletters are only sent out via ParentMail

BRINGING & COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL & SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL ALONE

Please read the attached new [policy](#) which is also available on our school website under 'about us' 'policies'.

Absence - As you will see, if a child is absent for any reason, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to now notify the School (by voicemail or email) **by 8:30 am.**

The [Parents Information Booklet](#) has also been amended accordingly which can be found on our website under 'Virtual Office'.

WHEN TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN PE KIT

Reception	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Thursday	Friday

Reception children to start wearing their PE Kit from Friday 11th September.

BOOK BAGS (EYFS/KS1) BLACK SCHOOL BAGS KS2

Book bags (EYFS/KS1) and Black School Bags (KS2) must only be brought in on book changing days which are **Mondays** and **Thursdays**.