



Aire View Site

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been our first day back and I would like to thank all the parents who have made the decision to send their children to school. We had a very high attendance today, over 99%, which is fantastic. It was so nice to see the classrooms and playgrounds full of children again. The children all seemed very happy to be back and I think that they enjoyed themselves!

Following the day today there are a few reminders and tweaks that we need to make to help make school as safe as it can be, and make the drop off and pick up times as smooth and stress free as possible. As with all plans, they look great until they go into action.

Firstly, I want to reiterate to parents the importance of the different drop off and pick up times for different year groups. These have been put in place to reduce the number of parents on the playground at the start and end of the day. This morning we had many parents arriving 15minutes before their children were due to enter school resulting in year groups overlapping and large groups of parents mixing. Please refer to my last letter to read your child's allocated drop off time. There is a 10-minute window for drop off for each class, so please try to spread your arrival out across these 10 minutes.

When parents arrive, children should go in through their allocated door. Children will go directly to class and not line up outside. As soon as children have gone in through the door parents should leave the school site and not remain to talk to each other. Parents of older children or those who are more confident should consider leaving them at the school gates and not entering the playground at all this will help reduce numbers significantly.

We all have a responsibility to try to follow any guidelines relating to social distancing. If we cannot do this at our school, it could possibly have severe repercussions and consequences for our wider local community and economy.

Further alterations to some of the logistics are;

At the Aire View site, Year 1 Eagles class, taught by Mrs Walker, will enter and leave school through the door at the top of the main steps. This is where they were collected from tonight. All other classes exit and entrance doors will remain the same as today.

Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 will receive a class Dojo tonight from their child's class teacher explaining where their children are to be collected from in their playground at the end of the day. These areas will either be; by the pavilion, on the running tracks or by the play equipment in the Y3/4 playground. Parents should ensure they congregate near these specific areas at the end of the day.

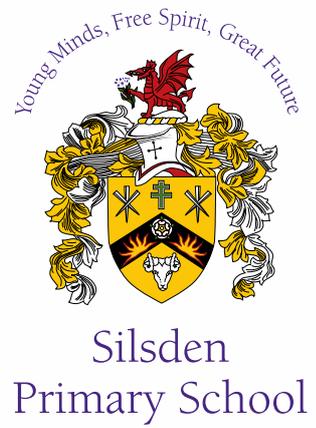


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On the Year 5 and Year 6 playground parents who come onto the playground need to stand at the back wall at the end of the day. This is so we have clear access doors for the children to exit from. Today we struggled to get children out onto the playground because parents were all congregating close to the netball pole. Children will move to an area of space along the main building wall and their teachers will release children to parents.

For this week only, all reception parents collecting the children at lunchtime will only be able to access the school site from the bottom double gate on Elliot Street. The top gate will not be open at lunch time it will be in use during the morning.

Thank you for taking all of these points on board and I hope that these slight adjustments will make a big difference from tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

K.S.Russell
Headteacher