

Merton Junior School

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*'Be wise, together we
succeed'*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you because a few things have been brought to my attention. Firstly, I am aware that there are some issues with parking around the school site. The area at the end of Tintern Close is a drop off point so it is really important that this is not used to park in. Residents have commented that there are quite a few cars which are still parked there long after drop off. It is important that people don't hang around in this area after children have been dropped off, not just because this is a 'drop off' but because of Covid restrictions as well. It has also been reported that some parents are driving with excessive speed along this road which is putting other road users in danger. Please take care and slow down when driving along residential roads. When walking, please use the pavements or walk to the side of the road (if there is not pavement) to keep yourselves and your children safe.

We are working hard in school to ensure that we don't have any crossover with our school bubbles – please may I ask that you are mindful of any out of school 'mixing' – whether this is car sharing or mixing of families at the park or children socialising out of school hours.

Secondly, there seems to be more people around at drop off and collection times. The staggered start and end times are designed to reduce the amount of people arriving and leaving at the same time, and these integrate with the times for the pre-school and the infant school to further reduce this. Can I please remind you of the below two groups and their separate times to start and finish the school day.

Group 1 – children of Key Worker parents (who have been in school through Lockdown) and children who have a sibling at Merton Infant school.

Group 2 – all other children (this includes children who have siblings within the junior school and children who don't have a sibling in the junior school or Merton Infants).

Group 1	8:45am – 3:20pm
Group 2	8:55am – 3:10pm

Thank you for continuing to wear face masks onsite, this is most appreciated by us and by other parents, and thank you for social distancing when waiting for your children. We will be tightening up on the times above so please arrive at the time your child is due to be collected, and not before, to avoid any unnecessary contact with others. We are also asking that, when onsite, people walk on the left of the paths to avoid any cross-over and crowding. Please make sure that only one person per household comes onto school site to drop off or collect to reduce the number of people around school.

It has been suggested by a couple of parents that we have a one-way system around school, but we are going to try to tighten up on our current procedures so that we don't need to move to this – thank you for working with us to do so.

There have been some parents who have made special arrangements with us, which will continue.

Thank you for your ongoing support, I hope that you understand the need for this letter and if you have any questions then please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Reading
Headteacher