

7th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update

I am sure that you will agree that this morning's drop off time was much smoother. We trialed having a rolling entry time for pupils, and it certainly ensured that there was no congestion outside the gates. Thank you for your support wearing a face covering. To emphasise to make our systems work effectively, please only arrive at school at the beginning and end of the day at your allocated time.

I have been working with the Place Farm senior leadership team since Friday on developing revised systems and procedures for drop off and collection, from tomorrow.

Drop off

You will be able to drop off your children, through the Back Gate from 8.15am-8.45am (rolling start), at the most convenient time to you, to allow for a safer and smoother start to the day. Children can walk through the gates and walk straight to their classes - staff will be on hand to support. Learning Assistants and Support Staff will be in classes from 8.15am to supervise your children, and the teachers will come to classes to teach the children from 8.50am-3.15pm, as usual. Please note, this therefore means that the teaching day will return to usual hours of 8.50am-3.15pm.

Collection at the end of the day

We have adapted the staggered pick-up arrangement - **this begins tomorrow (Tuesday 8th September)**

FRONT GATE

Early Years and Year 1 - OAP 3.15pm / OLP 3.20pm / 1SP 3.25pm / 1EB 3.30pm

PLAYGROUND

Siblings in Year 2-6 with surnames A-L 3.35pm / M-S 3.40pm / T-Z 3.45pm

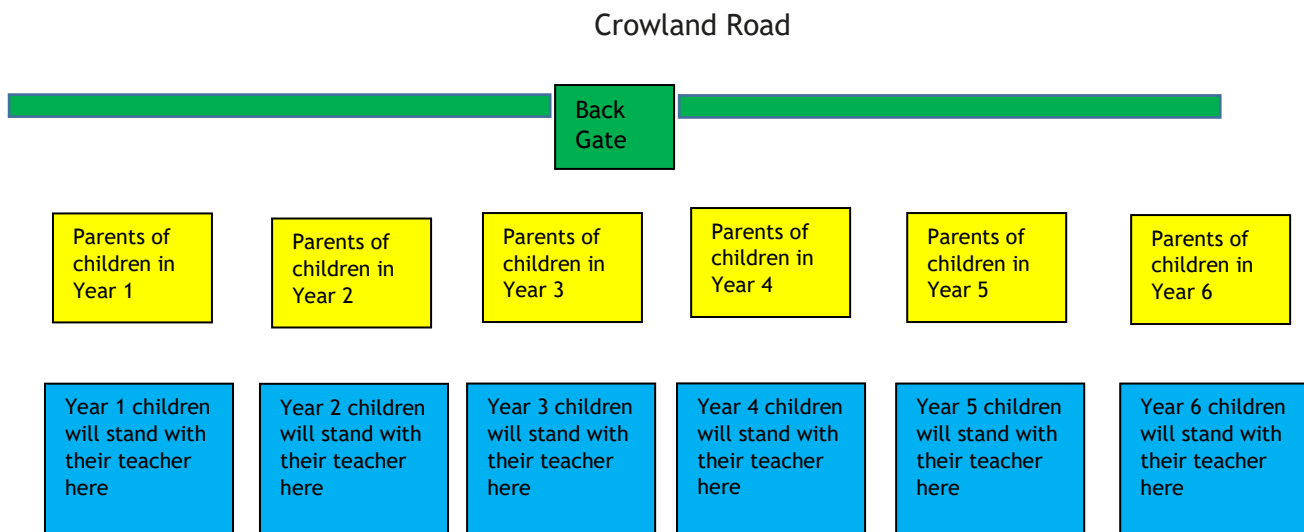
E.g. Mrs Bloggs has two children in 1SP and 3CS - she will need to be at the front gate at 3.25pm to collect her child in 1SP and she will have to walk round to the back gate via Crowland Road for 3.35pm to collect her child from 3CS.

EYFS/YEAR 1 children must be collected first. If you have older children you will need to go to the playground to collect them.

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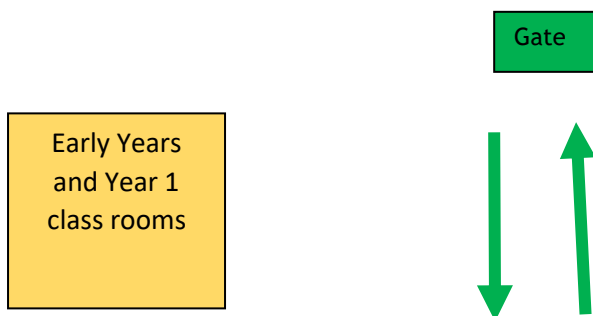
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FRONT GATE

Please line up outside the front, socially distanced from one another.



Risk Assessment

I have updated the Risk Assessment, which has been added to the Place Farm website. Staff will be wearing face coverings when they are in communal areas - they will not be wearing a face mask in the classrooms when they are teaching and supporting children.

We really do need you to continue to work with us to support social distancing and ask that you arrive to collect your children on time, but not early. **When entering the school site you must wear a face covering.**

Thank you very much for your continued support - it really is wonderful having children back in school, all the staff have really missed seeing them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Sendall
Headteacher