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Dear All,

Can I begin by saying a huge thank you to all of our children and families for returning to school so amazingly well.

There are many different routines and expectations, some of which we are aware cause families inconvenience but are all in place to ensure that we do all we can to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

I must however ask that families arriving and leaving the school site ensure that they adhere to all of the most recent social distancing guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

The 'sibling bubble' was created to make the drop off and collection of children easier for our families but this group has become a particular concern in recent days. Should an adult or child within the 'sibling bubble' test positive for COVID-19 it may mean that everyone within this bubble, as well as children in the relevant class bubble, would need to isolate for 14 days. In the worst case scenario it could even mean the closure of the whole school - this is something that we desperately want to avoid!

All children must stand next to the adult supervising them, at all times, and adults must ensure that they remain at least 2 metres away from others or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing a face mask/covering).

We have also noticed an increase in the number of families arriving at school late, for the morning drop off. If you arrive after your child's allotted time you must wait until all other bubbles have entered the school (9.20am) before entering the playground. We can then ensure that you do not mix with children or adults from other bubbles. Please make every effort to arrive at the correct time.

Our staff are working tremendously hard to make school as normal as possible whilst ensuring that the children within class bubbles do not mix. It is very disheartening when the opposite is happening as soon as families leave our school site, at the school gate or on the Parish playground, in full view of everyone.

I apologise for this moan as we are extremely pleased with the way in which the reopening of school has gone, so far, but we can only ensure that our children, their families and our staff team remain as safe as possible and school stays open for as long as possible if everyone plays their part and adheres to new routines and guidance.

If you have any concerns or questions about any of the above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Scott Smith
Headteacher

