



ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Always a chance for everyone!”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so wonderful to welcome our children back into school this morning. They looked gorgeous and have settled really well back into the classrooms and new routines. Thank you for your cooperation and patience this morning with the new timings and arrangements and there are a few reminders that we need you to support us with.

Social Distancing

We have tried with the earlier staggering of drop offs in the mornings to ensure that people are not standing around on the playground. However, there was a serious problem on the KS2 yard this morning with people congregating around the bike shed and even a small number of parents being rude when challenged about this or refusing to move.

We really need your help here. We have worked so hard to put systems in place within school to keep our children and staff and families safe and we really need your cooperation to ensure social distance measures are followed to keep everyone safe as well as a model for our children.

We will ensure the classroom doors are now open from 8.40am until 9.00am to also try and ease the congestion.

We appreciate there were bottle necks in places at entrances and we are making slight amendments to the walkways, particularly in KS2 that we need you to follow. We also ask for your patience if there is a queue at an entrance or exit and to allow people to pass safely.

Because of the nature of our site, having a one way in and out system would cause more disruption and serious queuing, particularly at the entrances. However, this may be something we have to consider if some people are not supporting us.

I know this was the first day and many of you were anxious about sending your children back to school, we do appreciate that, but our priority is keeping you and the children safe. Please can you ensure that only one parent is on site to drop off the children to also limit the number of people we have in the playground.

Thank you for your support. We have worked tirelessly over the past few months to get our school ready for our amazing children to return. We know the town is on the brink of a local lockdown due to a significant increase in cases locally. Our school is now open and we want to ensure it stays open for all pupils and we keep everyone as safe as possible. We need your help with that. <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/act-now-avoid-local-lockdown-middlesbrough>

At the end of today to further assist with minimizing congestion on the yard and gates as per the guidance, parents can pick up Rec, Y1 and Y2 children directly from their classroom doors **from** 3.05pm. If you have older siblings, you can then go to the appropriate classroom door to pick them up. Children without younger siblings from Y3-6 can be picked up at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Thank you again and we will get through this by working together.

Mr Gamble