

Thursday 11th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a superb week so far. The pupils have settled in really well - it's as if they haven't been away! Having all the pupils back in the normal(ish) school routine is simply wonderful!

Thank you in supporting the school with all of the safety measures that have been put in place, including the new request of wearing a face covering whilst on school grounds. You really have been fantastic in adhering to our procedures and protocols.

Despite the school attendance being excellent and community transmission levels dropping, it is still so important that we all remain vigilant. I am constantly reviewing the school's procedures and protocols in line with Government and County Council guidance and will continue to communicate with you if there are any changes.

For now, please continue to play your part in reducing transmission within the school community, especially with the drop-off and collection. If someone else is collecting your child, please could ensure that they are aware of the key expectations, these being:

- Keep your distance.
- One adult only per family on the school grounds.
- Please do not congregate in or around the school grounds.
- Enter and exit using the one-way system.
- Please arrive to drop-off and collect at the allocated time.
- Siblings to be dropped off together at the earliest time and collected together at the latest time.
- Please try and arrive no earlier than five minutes before your allotted time. If you are walking, please time your walk so you arrive at the correct time and if you are driving (and arrive early) please wait in your car until the correct time. I must stress how important it is to adhere to the class times so that we can reduce the amount of people on or around the school site.
- **Please wear a face mask while on school grounds – this includes all areas within the school gates.**

Drop-off	Classes	Collection
8:40am	Reception Year 3	2:50pm
8:50am	Nursery Year 5	11:50am 3:00pm
9:00am	Year 2 Year 4	3:10pm
9:10am	Year 6 Year 1	3:20pm

As you may be aware the side gate leading to the shared Laureate carpark has been closed this week. This was a temporary measure due to the Laureate pupils returning and using the sixth form building to complete Covid testing. As this has now finished, I am pleased to confirm that from Monday the gate will be open. Once again, I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Thank you again for your support and making Gade Valley such a wonderful school community.

Best Wishes

Mr Barron