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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with the changes we've had to make to our operational arrangements, including staggered start and finish times, so far this academic year. These arrangements are in place for everyone's safety.

The children have been fabulous and it is so lovely to have them all back in school. There is a true ethos of togetherness and we are thoroughly enjoying being back together.

I do feel that, now we have been back in school for two and a half weeks, it is noticeable that elements of the operational plan are becoming too relaxed. We could all be doing more to ensure everyone's safety during the school run and I am asking for your support with this.

As we are now in a period whereby the Prime Minister has introduced some further restrictions, I would like to remind you of some of the 'rules' that we all must adhere to:

- Please **do not arrive early to drop off or pick up your child/ren** from school, please **arrive at the allocated time** for your child's class. The staggered starts/ends to the day are our main way of managing a socially distanced school run; we only have one way in and out of school and have to do the best we can to manage this within the space we have. The morning routine is much easier to manage and we will see children in as soon as we can (from 8.30am onwards) to keep a steady flow of people coming and going.
- Remember - **siblings should all be dropped off at the earlier time (8.30am) and collected at the later time (3.30pm)**, otherwise the queues on both sides of the pavement are held up with the people at the front waiting for a child who is not due to finish class for another 15 minutes.
- Please **adhere to social distancing at all times at the school gates and in the queues** along Hillside Avenue. We have seen numerous groups of parents/carers standing too close to each other (both before and after they have collected their child/ren).
- Please remember that **only 1 adult per family is permitted to collect**. We have seen 2 (and even 3) adults collecting over the course of the last two weeks. With such limited space, we simply cannot accommodate this.
- Please **leave the school entrance as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child**. **Parents/carers should not be congregating at all. The middle of the slip road must be kept as clear as possible** as this is the route parents/carers must take once they have collected their child/ren.
- Please email/call us with any messages, rather than trying to pass messages on at the school gate.
- **Please do not park on Hillside Avenue unless you have a Blue Badge** and are exempt. Restrictions are in place on the yellow lines. The less passing traffic the better for everyone, especially given how close the school gate is to the road. Parking on the back car park of The Plough and walking a short distance will significantly reduce the dangers to us all. Please respect our Blue Badge holders at all times.

Learning together and having fun ~



I am sure that you will have heard locally of schools having to close year groups and all members of that group having to self-isolate for 14 days. We want to avoid that happening at Endon Hall if at all possible. We are currently working very hard on our Remote Learning plan, which takes into account your survey feedback, but this will be in no way a replacement for two weeks of quality teaching and learning in school.

I am confident that our risk assessment is robust and that staff are doing everything asked of them in school to protect your child/ren and each other. It is vital that the school community follow the procedures too. **If we all work together and play our part, we're giving ourselves the best chance of avoiding any further disruption to children's schooling - something I know we would all consider an absolute priority.**

Please pass this letter on to anyone who drops off/collects your child/ren as we need **everyone** to be on board.

If there is anything that you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to contact us, our email addresses and the school telephone number is at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

V. C. Lewis

Miss V Lewis
Headteacher