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Dear Parents

Coming Back on Thursday 3rd September

At last we will be able to open our doors and invite our whole family back to school in September. I want to make you aware of the changes that you and your child will see when you do come back. Everything we have planned has been risk assessed and is to allow all children to come back to school safely. We are going to have to ask you to play your part in this, I know you won't let us down!

Corona Virus Symptoms

If **anyone in your household** has symptoms of corona virus (cough, high temperature or loss of smell/taste) then your child **must not come to school** and you must arrange for them to have a test. If your child tests positive they must isolate for 7 days from the date of the test even if they have had no symptoms. If they test negative they must isolate for 14 days.

If your child develops symptoms during the school day you will be contacted and asked to collect your child as quickly as possible. You must arrange for them to have a test.

In the past we could have been understanding if a child had been under the weather and kept an eye on them, calling if they got worse. As we move towards autumn and winter I don't think we will be able to do this with coughs and colds this year. If your child has a cough and a temperature, then you should have them tested. If they test negative and no one else in your household has symptoms we will allow them back to school.

Drop off and Pick up

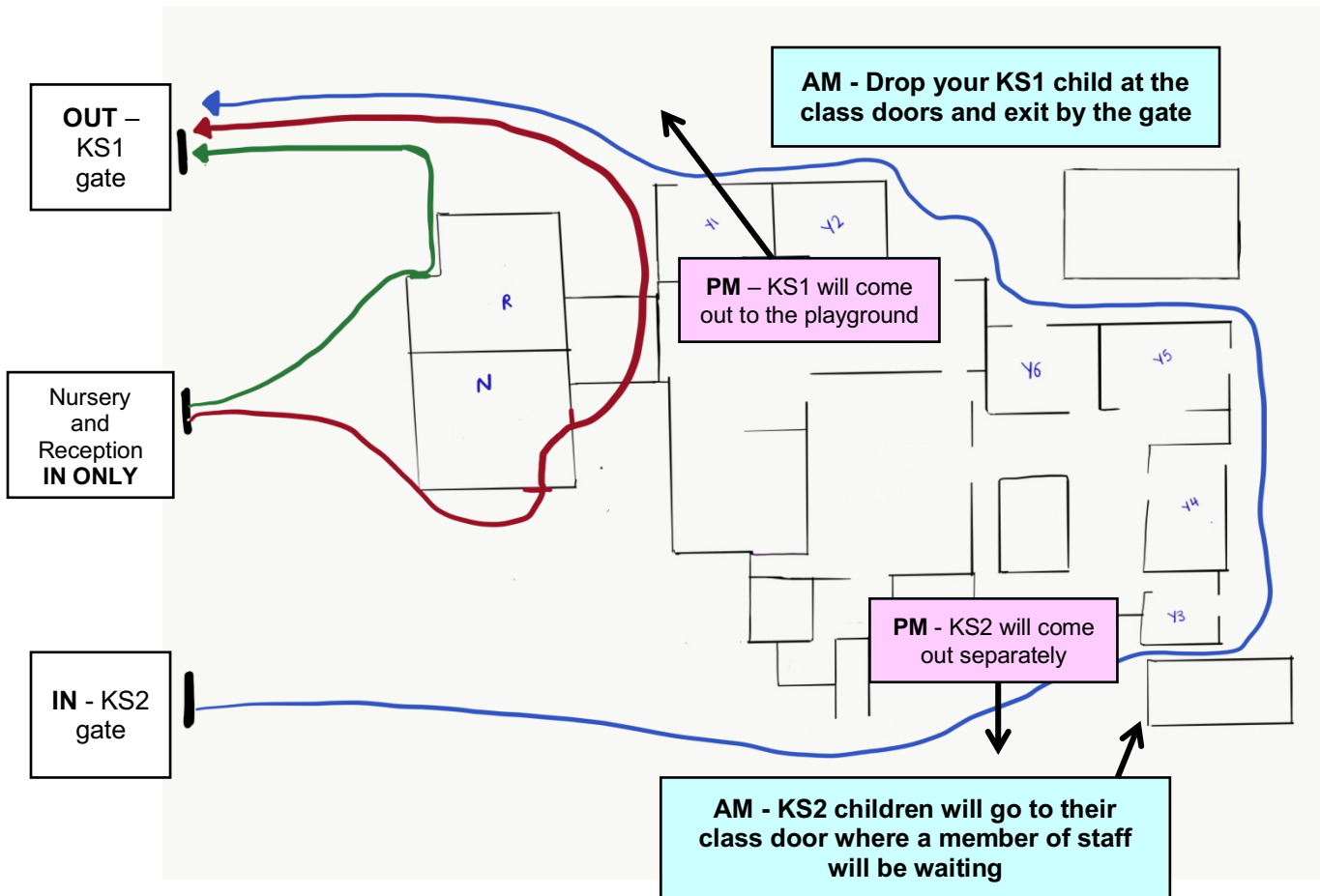
You will notice that we have had to create a one-way system around school to ensure social distancing and everyone is safe.

- The drop off time in the morning – the gates will open at 8.40 for everyone and close at 9.00. This is to allow families to safely come to school.
- Please don't all come at the last minute. There is a one way system entering the school grounds at the Key Stage 2 gate (or Foundation Stage gate if your child is in Nursery or Reception) and exiting through the Key Stage 1 gate. We will be limiting the number of people that can access the playground at any one time so only one adult will be allowed in with a family. We suggest that parents of Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 – 6) drop them off at the main

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gate and let them walk into the playground by themselves where they will be greeted by a member of staff and directed to their classrooms.

- All contact with staff (outside of Early Years) will have to be by phone to begin with.
- Please park as far away from school as possible and walk your child. We will not allow you to drop off directly in front of the school – it will be too dangerous.
- Please be patient – this is new to us all. Be kind and considerate with your parking, we will not tolerate anyone being abusive to our staff or our children including being abusive to another adult when there are children present.



At the end of the day

At the end of the school day you will notice that our times have changed slightly, this is to allow us to dismiss 240 children out of school safely. We have allowed a 20 minute pick up window – this is to help you drop off if you have more than one child. Please use the one way system for entering and exiting the school at all times.

Year	Collected from	Time
Reception and Nursery	Nursery or Reception door	3.00
Year 1 and 2	The children will be brought to the KS1 playground and not the class door to prevent crowding and ensure social distancing	3.00

Year 3	Key Stage 2 playground near the main office	3.05
Year 4		3.10
Year 5		3.15
Year 6		3.20

Daily routines

We will have heightened hygiene routines in place, with frequent hand washing and sanitising. Tables have been placed so that children do not face each other and staff will, where possible, be maintaining a distance. To help us with this we ask for your help.

- Children should come to school in clean uniform and with spotless hands.
- On PE days, children may come to school dressed in their kit with black or navy leggings or track suit bottoms. A navy sweatshirt can be worn over the usual white tee shirt. These items are easily and quite cheaply available at local shops.
- Only a small book bag can be brought to school. We cannot allow large back packs as we will not be using our coat hooks, Coats will be put on the back of individual chairs.
- If your child brings a packed lunch from home they may bring it in a lunch box/bag that is easily cleaned and washed At home every night. Please mark it clearly with your child's name.
- We will have lots of boxes of tissues in classes and will be emphasising “catch it, bin it, kill it” for all coughs and sneezes. After every time they will be asked to sanitise or wash their hands. Please encourage them to do this at home too.
- We have taken a decision not to mark off distances in our school, this is to try to make it as normal as we can for the children. So we ask that you help us by gently reminding the children about distancing, but gently please – they need to know that it is important without it scaring them.

Face masks

Please note the Government guidance of wearing face masks inside does not apply to schools so adults working at school will not be wearing masks. Children under 11 should not be wearing masks but if you wish you or your child to wear a mask to and from school that is fine.