

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

Chief Executive of 1Excellence Multi Academy Trust: Mrs Valerie Hall



11.9.20

Dear parents/carers,

As previously mentioned in recent correspondence, school are making some slight changes to the current arrangements in school. Please see below for the details.

Since September 2nd 2020, the school has been operating in classroom 'bubbles'. In consultation with the government guidance and advice from the Local Authority Health and Safety department, from Monday 14th September 2020, school will operate in whole year group 'bubbles'.

For this reason, the following changes will happen:

- Nursery 15 hours will now access school via the Nursery gate and entrance. They will be collected from here also. The timings have not changed. We hope this alleviates some of the footfall outside of the Reception classrooms.
- All Year 2 will now enter through the original Y2 entrance. Can we ask that parents /carers do not walk their child up the narrow pathway, but instead let them walk up to the open door themselves. They will be greeted by a member of the Y2 team at the door. Year 2 collection arrangements will still be the same, however family groups in Miss Boagey's class will be brought out via the Y2 entrance and exit and not the front entrance. Please ensure you wait on the play ground and leave enough room for other parents/carers to get on and off site during drop off and collection. If you have any messages to pass over, either write it on a note to send in with your child or ring the office.
- All other class arrangements to continue please. (See letter emailed in July for this information).

A new gate is being installed on site. This will be installed after the end of the zebra crossing as you head towards the main playground. Once installed, this will become an 'exit only' gate. Parents/carers will use the usual gate to enter the main playground area, but the new gate will be the exit. This should alleviate the congestion at the main gate. We hope that this will be completed early next week.

It has been raised on several occasions about why school are not opening the double gates to the car park for families to walk up. This was risk assessed and discussed with the Local Authority Health and Safety team. It was deemed a greater risk to have families walking up a road and a car park where traffic is active. The double gates onto the playground cannot be opened for the same reasons – it leaves families walking up an active road.

Many thanks to all parents/carers for your patience while we all adapt to the new measures. We also thank those of you who have offered suggestions and given us appropriate feedback. We ask you continue to follow the measures outlined in July, along with the updates in this letter.

Yours sincerely,
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