

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely seeing the children back in school and ready to get straight on with their learning. It's great to see them so ready to learn and filling the school with laughter.

The start of the term has run smoothly and thank you for embracing the new changes we made following the changes to Covid Guidelines in July.

As a school we are aware that there are some issues relating to congestion around the school gates. Some parents have had discussions with staff related to this. The mornings seem to be working fine at the moment. If parents could just move away from the gates once children have been dropped off so other parents can have access to drop their children off. All gates are staffed by Senior Leaders and other members of staff so once children are on site they will not be able to leave the premises.

After school is where there seem to be the most issues since we have returned. This is due to the fact we have all the children coming in and leaving at the same time as we have returned to school without staggered start and end times as we did before the pandemic. Please note the following things which we hope will ease the current situation:

- Parents find a spot at the school fence rather than at the gate so they can signal to their child and their teacher when they are there to collect them – your child/children can then be dismissed to meet you.
- We encourage year 5 and year 6 pupils to go home alone if possible. If they are not travelling all the way home, they could meet you a little distance away from school – this would help ease congestion.
- If you come to school with a push chair or pram, please be mindful not to block the gates and access to the gates.
- Please arrive promptly to collect children then escort them away from the gates as quickly as possible – ask them about their day as you walk down the road.
- Please don't gather around the school gates to chat to friends and family – please move away.
- We encourage parents to walk to school – if you do drive do not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag road markings.
- Please be kind and considerate to other parents on the roads around school. Arguments rarely help the situation.

- We will be releasing children at slightly different times at the end of the school day as this should ease congestion. This will start on **Monday 13th September**.

Year 1 Loxford Avenue Gate

3.15- 1P and 1K (Friday 2.25)
3.20- 1R and 1W (Friday 2.30)

Year 2 Dickens Road Gate

3.15- 2O and 2K (Friday 2.25)
3.20- 2B and 2M (Friday 2.30)

Year 3 Thackeray Road Gate

3.15 (Friday 2.25)

Year 4 Thackeray Road Gate

3.20 (Friday 2.30)

Year 5 Central Park Road Gate

3:20 Year 5 (Friday 2.25 home alone children, 2.30 children being collected)

Year 6 Central Park Road Gate

3:15 Year 6 (Friday 2.25 home alone children, 2.30 children being collected)

Nurture room bubble Dickens Road Gate

Collect at 3.15

Thank you for your support in this current situation while we work on reviewing and making changes

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Yours sincerely

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