



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that everyone managed to have a restful half term and it was lovely to welcome the children back to school this morning.

As we embark on this new half term many things will be changing as we go back into lockdown from Thursday. Whilst schools will remain open this is a very stark reminder of the seriousness of the current situation and a call for all of us to play our part.

In school we will continue to keep the children in their class bubbles. They will be washing their hands throughout the day and our staggered break times, lunch times will continue.

We do however need parents and carers to adhere to the drop off and collection times and follow the measures we have asked everyone to abide by. We have set up an entrance and exit route (entrance to school through the small pedestrian gate and exit via the large vehicular gate). This means that parents and children do not need to pass in close proximity to each other. We do need everyone to follow this route.

Please can you ensure that only one adult enters the car-park to drop off or collect children. This is to reduce the number of adults in this confined area. We will endeavour to ensure that children are dismissed from school as quickly as possible if they have older siblings but this does mean that we ask parents not to arrive before their child's finishing time. Again this will reduce the numbers of adults in the carpark. We will always supervise the children if you are delayed.

The start and finish times are as follows:

Drop off times:

Reception, Year 1/2 - 8.50am Year 3/4 - 8.45am Year 5/6 – 8.40am

Collection times:

Reception – 3.00pm Year 1/2 – 3.05pm Year 3/4 – 3.15pm Year 5/6 – 3.20pm

Whilst parents are waiting we ask that younger children are closely supervised at all times and that everyone is socially distancing. This is essential if everyone is to stay safe. We have also been made aware of larger groups of parents/adults congregating on the driveway outside the school gates – please can we ask that once children have been collected or dropped off that everyone disperses as quickly as possible. Members of the public use the footpath and need to have easy access without having to manoeuvre around groups of adults and children.

Finally, from Thursday households should not be mixing therefore we would not expect children to be collected by other parents unless this is part of 'child-care' arrangements. Please can you ensure you let Mrs Dunbar know if you have made these arrangements.

We know that there are still many, many months ahead when we will all be expected to behave differently and safely. It has been easy for many in Cornwall to feel that we are not, or will not be, affected by COVID-19. Nothing could be further from the truth. We all have vulnerable family members or are indeed vulnerable ourselves and it is only by working together as a community and making sacrifices that we can protect them. I therefore urge everyone to work together in these incredibly difficult times and in particular help us protect your children, your families and our staff.

Thank you.



Mrs SC Green