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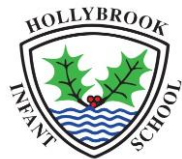
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your co-operation and support over the last two days since the children have returned to school. Due to the fact that you have supported your children so positively we have enjoyed a really calm, purposeful and organised return to school. We are really grateful!

I understand that the one way system is inconvenient for parents, especially when they have more than one child to collect or drop off, but from watching the system in action this morning, I feel that the system is working well. We do have a large number of people in the playground at one time - but they are keeping at a safe distance. We conducted a very thorough risk assessment to ensure that we could maintain social distancing whilst allowing full access to the site, and we feel that due to the generous nature of the school site, we can achieve this.

The alternative would be to stagger start times or to block parents entry to the school site altogether which other local schools have done. However, I have heard of parents having to wait at collection time for up to 45 minutes for their child and I believe this would have a detrimental impact on family life. I also do not like the idea of not allowing parents access to the site as they would then likely be queuing along main roads. I also know, as a full time working parent, that staggered starts are not the preference of many parents, and we said that we would only use these as a last resort, if we felt that people were not abiding to the one way system or keeping safe.

The system is under constant review by staff and we feel that it is currently a successful system overall as opposed to the alternative options.

As we are trying to keep adult contact to a minimum, please can I remind you to only use the school offices if it is absolutely necessary, and to try and ensure you drop or collect your child/ren and leave the school site as quickly as possible, without congregating in the playground for any catch ups with other parents.

All of the children are in school, calm and settled. It is absolutely lovely to have our schools filled and vibrant and full of wonderful children and dedicated staff.

Thank you so much for preparing the children so well for their return – we are so grateful.

Kind regards,

Marcella Dobson