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Dear parents and carers

We wish to extend our thanks for your ongoing support with the staggered drop-off, pick-ups and the use of the one-way system through school. We are incredibly grateful to the many families who are doing everything possible to follow our new routines and procedures.

First thing in the morning seems to be working really well and the drop-offs are smooth and working well for the children. The children are confident with the new routine and are arriving at their classrooms ready for learning.

The pick-up routine is a little trickier, particularly when there are siblings that need collecting from different classrooms. Please be assured that class teachers are getting the children out to parents and carers as quickly as possible.

Please can we ask for your support with the following:

1. When entering the school site, parents and carers are asked to wear a face covering. At busy times, it is increasingly difficult to maintain a safe social distance.
2. When entering the school site, parents and carers should stand on the yellow lines marked. We ask that individuals living in the same house stay together and do not mix with other individuals who they do not live with.
3. Once your child/ren have made their way to you, please leave the school site as quickly as possible via the one-way system. Everyone must leave the school site via the car park gates on Grampian Way.
4. We ask that only one parent or carer comes to collect the children. If older siblings (of secondary school age) are coming to collect their younger brothers and sisters, they should do so on their own and not with school friends.
5. Parents and carers must not wait for other families in the car park.
6. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office and the member of staff will be able to call you back. Staff will not be able to stand and talk when they are dismissing the children as there isn't sufficient space to allow everyone else to pass by.

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I wish to remind parents and carers that the systems implemented are those advised by the government in order to keep children, parents and staff safe. With a spike in the virus, lots of schools are having to close



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classes/year groups. With new stricter laws coming into effect, it is vital that we all play our part in ensuring everyone's safety.

When on the school site, staff in school will continue to remind and expect parents and carers to follow our new routines. I ask that all adult interaction, whether with a member of staff or another adult, is polite and kind. Staff, nor other adults, should be spoken to with aggression, rudeness or verbal abuse. This conduct will simply not be tolerated and school will take all necessary action to address this.

I hope that by working together we are able to iron out the challenges we are experiencing. However, if we are unable to eliminate the crowds gathering, we will have to change the current systems implemented. These changes are likely to include increasing the staggered start times over a longer period so that only one class enters school at any given time. This would result in families dropping one child off at 8:45am and returning to school at 9:30am to drop-off the second child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Murfin
Headteacher