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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a successful start to the school year with amended provision and practises which we are reviewing. Thank you very much for your cooperation and adaptability and responsiveness as we have changed arrangements.

Having reviewed procedures please note the following.

Beginning and End of Day

The beginning and end times of the day will remain the same for the near future. The school only has one gate of entry and one gate of exit, therefore, the drop off and collection periods have proved the most effective way of managing the beginning and end of the school day.

Drop Off Times – 8.45am – 9.00am

Please use the whole fifteen minute period to bring children into school and drop them off to their classrooms. This has improved considerably with a good flow around the school. However, there is still congestion at the gate at 8.45am in the morning. Can you please, as many parents are now doing, use the whole fifteen minute period to avoid all queuing at the gate at 8.45am.

Collection Times – 3.15pm – 3.30pm

Please use the whole fifteen minute period to collect children from their classrooms. This is working very successfully and we ask for your continued cooperation. As with drop off times can you please avoid queuing at the gate at 3.15pm and use the whole fifteen minute period to collect your children.

In the event of rain and deteriorating weather children will be collected from the doors that they are dropped at in the morning. We request that you do not crowd around the door. Please stay back and always beyond the yellow box. We request you to maintain social distancing.

Health and Safety

Face Masks

In light of new Government prevention measures taking place from Monday 14th September due to the increase in positive cases of Coronavirus, can we please remind you that there should be groups of no more than 6 people, children and adults, in all areas inside and outside of the school. Due to the large number of adults entering the school site at the beginning and end of the school day we



ask/encourage you to wear a face covering. It is not deemed necessary for children of this age to wear one.

Smoking

Smoking is banned on the school site. King Georges Road and neighbouring pathways can be congested in the morning and afternoon with drop-off and pick up. We request that adults do not smoke in these areas or the grassed area outside the school to protect the health of our children and adults.

Changes from Class to Year Group Bubbles

The school is making the change from class to year group bubbles after reviewing our staffing and organisation. It is proving difficult to sustain the level of staffing throughout the day. In line with the majority of schools in the area we will be moving to year group bubbles from Monday 14th September.

As stated in the Government guidance "Guidance for full opening: schools", Section 3, Page 13. "Schools should assess their circumstances and if class size groups are not compatible with offering a full range of subjects or managing the practical logistics within and around the school, they can look to implement year group bubbles."

Year groups will still be restricted in access to other year groups and will still be taught in their own individual classes for the majority of the time.

However, by going in to year groups the school will be able to implement supportive intervention measures across a year group, including the Phonic Programme of "Read, Write, Inc". PE and Music in KS2 will be able to be taught regularly, weekly, rather than every two weeks.

Lunchtime – the school will be able to return to the usual length of lunchtime.

These arrangements and procedures are subject to constant review and change. I thank you for your continued support and consideration in enabling the children to return to school fully.

Children's Personal Items

Please ensure that your child brings with them at the beginning of the day everything they need for that day, including packed lunches and water bottles. Please make sure that they have enough water with them to last the day. We recommend a one litre bottle.

Please do not bring forgotten items to the school during the day.

Enquiries and Questions

Please may we remind you to use Class Dojo or the school email address, admin@durdans-park.ealing.sch.uk or the school telephone number, 0208 575 1477 if you have any questions, queries or concerns. All enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Please avoid coming directly to the school office and talking to the class teacher at the class door to restrict the amount of direct contact.



Local Covid-19 Test Centre

There is now a permanent Covid-19 testing centre in Southall. It is located in the Featherstone Terrace Car Park, behind the Dominion Centre.

The hours are:

Wednesday 9th September Only 10am – 5pm

From Thursday 10th September onwards it will be open 7 days a week from 8am – 8pm

If you or anyone in your household is showing any symptoms, you must get tested.

You have two options for getting tested at this centre.

1. Book a test online at <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>
2. Walk in (no booking required)

If you have booked ahead, you are guaranteed a test at this centre.

They do welcome walk in appointments. The centre is only allocated a specific number of tests per day, and if they have been allocated to pre-booked appointments, there won't be any left. We advise you to arrive there early in order to have the best chance of getting tested there.

If you have been tested through the walk in procedure, you will need to register your test code online by midnight the same day in order to get your result sent to your email address and/or mobile telephone number via text message.

Once at the test centre, you will be given instructions for how to conduct the test yourself. If your child is being tested, the adult with your child will need to do it for them.

Attendance has been excellent, it has been the best we have ever had. Please keep this up. However, remember if your child is unwell and is showing signs of a high temperature, and/or a dry persistent cough, please do not send them to school. Please see the attached guidance.

Kind Regards

Mr C Duhig
Head Teacher

