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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school!

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces as you arrived and I promise you the children's smiles continued throughout the day...

Thank you for your patience this morning, this is new for all of us so please be kind...however, we do understand that the staggered starts are frustrating, but these timings and processes have been designed to protect everyone. Our school site is fantastic, yet it was clearly never designed for a situation like this...

I previously made it clear that we would monitor the procedures and make any changes necessary so you will be delighted to hear that in order to make the start of the day smoother we will be making changes from tomorrow morning. However, I ask that you bear with us as we want to get it right!

Like today, signs will be in place to direct you - please look out for this information, it is located at each entrance to the school, by the school gates. We will be placing additional signage around school to help guide you and the children to classes.

Bubble 1: Year 5/6 - Herons, Redwings and Goldfinches

- 8:30am START
- Children will enter school via the hall door next to reception
- Parents/carers to walk down the steps with their children and leave the school site via the side gate to the right.

Bubble 2: Year 3/4 - Nightingales, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

- 8:40am START
- Please use the sloping path following the social distance markers
- Children will enter school via the balcony gate to the left of main reception
- Parents/carers to exit the school site via the side gate to the right (see signs)

Bubble 3: Year 1/2 - Chaffinches, Swallows and Swifts

- 8:50am START
- Please use the sloping path follow the social distance markers
- Children and their parents to enter school via the 'zig-zag path 'gate the first gate on the left of the concourse (see signs)
- Teachers will greet you at the classroom doors









• Parents/carers to leave the school site via the zig-zag path (see signs)

At the end of the day we will be releasing children at 3:15pm as follows:

Bubble 1: Year 5/6 - Herons, Redwings and Goldfinches

- Please remember to socially distance
- Year 6 children, who are walking home, will be released first
- The remaining Year 5/6 children will be released from the hall
- Parents please queue down the steps to collect your child by the STOP sign
- Please leave via the side gate to the right

Bubble 2: Year 3/4 - Nightingales, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

- Please remember to socially distance
- Use the gate to the left of the school concourse and walk along the path until you get to the KS1 playground.
- Enter the black pitch, via the gate in the KS1 playground (see signs)
- Collect your child and leave using the gate in the corner, near the reflection garden
- Exit the way you came into school

Bubble 3: Year 1/2 - Chaffinches, Swallows and Swifts

- Please remember to socially distance
- Use the gate to the left of main reception and walk along the path until you get to the KS1 playground.
- Collect your child from the playground
- Exit the way you came into school

To prevent congestion, where possible, we ask that prams and pushchairs are not taken on to the playground.

I will send a separate letter home for EYFS children later this week.

Thank you for your support and we all look forward to seeing you again tomorrow!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Heather

Headteacher







