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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Start to Autumn Term

We have had such a fantastic start to the Autumn term and the academic year! It is so wonderful to have all the children return to school and settle to the school routines and systems so well. Pupils are focusing brilliantly on their learning, following their induction back into school – looking at the Behaviour Policy, School Values and Personal, Social and Health and Emotional (PSHE) education. Upper key stage two (Y5 and Y6) children, have matured and are working so hard that they deserve a special mention! Our new Reception cohort have been so confident coming to their induction group sessions – they are more than ready for school. Everyone has been so impressed and we hope to catch up on lost learning time, as quickly as we can.

### Gates – Start/End of School Day

Thank you to all of those parents/carers who are dropping off and collecting the children at the correct gate and time. We have improved the systems over the last week. We still need to keep the times for classes separate as you need to be able to socially distance on the pavements and we cannot all enter the corridors to put coats and lunch bags in lockers. At school, we are keeping each Class Bubble separate.

Reception and Key Stage 1 times will remain the same but we can get KS2 into school quicker now, as so many of you have followed the staggered timings. Please see the adjusted times below in **green**.

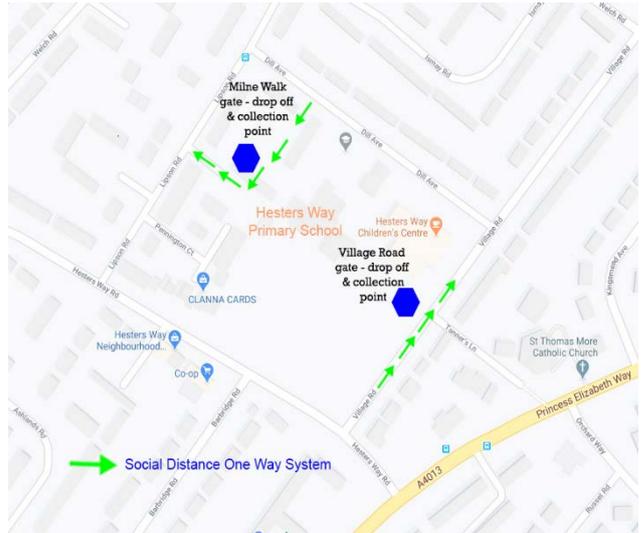
	Teacher/s	TA	Gate/Entry time	Gate/Leave
Reception Class	Mrs Gilbert-Green ( M & T) Mrs Best (W-F)	Mrs Shawcross (M-F)	8.45am Milne Walk 1.15pm Induction	11.45am Milne Walk 3.00pm Induction
Year 1	Miss Rimell	Mrs Boot (M-Th)	9.05am Milne Walk	2.55pm Milne Walk
Year 2	Mrs Royle (M-Th am) Mrs Godzisz (Th pm- F)	Mrs Williams	8.55am Milne Walk	2.45pm Milne Walk
Year 3	Mr Matthews (M-F)	Mrs DeBonis (M-F)	8.45am Village Road	2.45pm Village Road
Year 4	Mrs Kelly (M-F)	Miss Leach (M-F)	8.50am Village Road	2.50pm Village Road
Year 5	Mr Turner (M-F)	Mrs Booth (M-F)	8.55 am Village Road	2.55pm Village Road
Year 6	Mrs Swinton (M-F) Mrs Coates (M-T)	Miss George (M-F)	9.00 am Village Road	3.00pm Village Road

We are **strongly advising parents/carers to wear masks** at the school drop off and collection times to protect themselves. You may see staff at the gates wearing face shields. As a school, we are used to face to face conversations but can we please ask you to phone/email the office with any messages for teaching staff [admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk). We cannot have conversations or close contact at the gates. Also, messages might not get passed on as we are focussing on getting your children into school, safely.

With the Government changing their guidance on meeting in groups, both in and outdoors, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, we must realise that there is a reason they are doing this. Although schools are exempt from the guidance because we have to have more than 6 pupils/staff in a room, we are still trying to socially distance, as much as we can. Suspected and confirmed cases of COVID19 are increasing locally and nationally. Many people may be asymptomatic, so you may not know that you are stood next to someone who may be carrying COVID19. We all need to take care and stay at least 1metre and where possible 2 metres apart. Please call the office if your child or you possibly have COVID symptoms – DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL PLEASE – we do not want to put anyone else at risk.

**Rules and guidance on meeting up**

	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
 <b>How many people outdoors?</b>	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Up to 30 outdoors	Up to 15 outdoors
 <b>At what distance?</b>	1m 'plus'	2m apart (less in some premises)	2m apart – age 11+ only (less in some premises)	2m apart
 <b>Indoors</b>	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Four households can form one 'extended household'	Six people from two households



At the gates, if children and their one adult line up on time, spaced out, in an orderly queue – it should work that children enter the gate and the adult passes the gate, walking on down the path. The flow would then make the drop off and collection times quicker. Please be kind to each other, keep your distance and do not overcrowd the gate areas. Unfortunately, some people are arriving too early and blocking the gate.

**Getting a COVID19 Test**

If you do need to get a test, please call 111 or 119. You can book a test at a centre or to be delivered to your home through these websites: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> There are also mobile units in Gloucestershire: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/mobile-testing-unit-locations/> Please contact school if you have any issues.

**Magic Breakfast**

As we do not have our breakfast club open at the moment, we are sending cereals that we would normally use at school home, each Friday, with year groups on rotation.

**School Lunches**

The Catering Team are working hard every day to produce, individual bagged lunches, delivered to classrooms. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to “Universal Free School Meals” and some children are entitled to “Free School Meals”. If your child is not entitled to these but would still like a lunch you can contact the school office and be set up a “Parent Pay” account. You can then pay £2.30 for a school lunch, each day, as you choose. The choice of sandwiches: tuna, cheese or ham and Natalie is also cooking pasta pots.



We look forward to sending out our next newsletter which will include the curriculum and sharing some work celebrations.

Kind regards, Kirsti Ashman (Head Teacher)

