

James Elliman Academy

November 2020

RE: Important Safety Reminder

Dear Parent/Carers,

The school is currently operating in year group bubbles, which means that while in school, children will not be mixing with any other year groups. The introduction of staggered start and finish times are in place to support this. **We have remained strict in keeping these measures in place since September and this will continue until the Covid 19 pandemic has ended.**

I would like to thank the majority of our school community who have fully supported us to keep these safety measures in place. **However it is disappointing that unfortunately there is still a very small percentage of parents/carers who are not understanding the severity of the current situation the whole country is facing and the risk that Covid 19 poses to us all.** Slough is currently in tier 2 restrictions due to a significant rise in cases. As you are all aware the country is also likely to go into a National Lockdown from Thursday. However schools will remain open and this will only be possible if all of the school community follows the steps we have in place.

Please ensure that you arrive to school at your child's allocated drop off/collection times only. In order to further enforce this, no children will be allowed to enter the school site earlier than the allocated times from tomorrow. Arriving to school earlier than allocated times, causes unnecessary crowding outside of the school gates and means that children are waiting outside in the cold longer than needed. Parents and carers are reminded again, to ensure that children are appropriately dressed for the winter weather.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that they are socially distancing and following the procedures the school have put in place. Please ensure that you are respecting other people's personal space and maintaining a reasonable distance. **We will be monitoring this on the school site but it is parent/carers own responsibility to do this on public walk ways and paths, this is no different to the procedures in place in other public areas.** We also strongly encourage the use of face masks while on the school site.

Please be reminded that as Principal, I will not be tolerating staff being abused by parents/carers because they do not want to follow the measures in place. These measures are there to keep everyone safe and these will not be compromised in any circumstances. **Furthermore, in line with the home school agreement published on the school website, all parents and carers are expected to show respect to staff while on the school site. Any parents/carers who deliberately disrespect staff and refuse to follow the Covid restrictions, could face being banned from the school site and reported to the police for committing a Covid Breach.**

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Please find the timings for drop off and collection listed below:

- Reception** - Back Gate (children will start school at 8.35am and finish at 2.45pm)
- Year 1** - Back Gate (children will start school at 8.50am and finish at 3pm)
- Year 2** - Back Gate (children will start school at 9.05am and finish at 3.15pm)
- Year 3** - Front Gate (children will start school at 8.35am and finish at 2.45pm)
- Year 4** - Front Gate (children will start school at 8.50am and finish at 3pm)
- Year 5** - Front Gate (children will start school at 9.20am and finish at 3.30pm)
- Year 6** - Front Gate (children will start school at 9.05am and finish at 3.15pm)
- Nursery** timings as usual. AM 8.30-11.25 and PM 12.30 – 3.15pm

Please be reminded that the school safety measures for drop off and collection are in place following the current government guidance for safe reopening of schools. These can be found on the gov.uk website for your reference - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The school policies and procedures will remain in place until government guidance changes.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. For future updates please ensure that you have downloaded the School App.

Please keep safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs T Johal
Principal