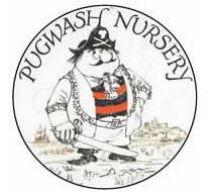




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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you as always, to all of our parents who are supportive of the measures we put in place as a school to keep your children and our community safe.

May I take this opportunity to remind you all, that a one-way system has been in place since we returned to school in June of the last academic year.

Parents need to enter the school site through the large, main gates and to exit the site they must walk around the edge of the school playground and out through the smaller playground gate. This is for all of our parents, including Nursery and Reception parents.

We are aware that when we first re-opened to all pupils back in June we had staff directing this and clear signage. However, since September with all children returning to school these members of staff have been redeployed and due to the high winds over the past few weeks- the signage has come down. We will be replacing it!

However, this morning you will have seen that I re-positioned myself back at the main front entrance gate, rather than the school playground. I did this as I had received reports that a small parent minority were not following the one-way system and thereby making other parents who were following the system, feel uncomfortable. I know that our parents would not deliberately ignore the COVID security measures, so this is a reminder in case anyone has forgotten and also for the benefit of our newer parents to the school, including our newer Reception and Nursery parents, who may not have realised the full extent of the one-way system.

I was challenged this morning as to why a one-way system is needed and why it is being "enforced"... Firstly the country is in a National lockdown which indicates the severity of the pandemic and therefore this is a time for us ALL to increase our efforts and "do our part" to reduce the spread of this virus. This is a measure we put in before the National lockdown, however, we must now ensure that everyone is following this. We would really appreciate your compliance with this, as well as our other COVID security measures, as they are there to protect everyone. One-way systems are followed in most large organisations, including supermarkets etc. The extra minute it takes to walk around the one-way system could prevent a vulnerable person from bumping into you coming from the other direction. There may be a tiny minority of our community who are not able to navigate the steps on to our playground and special consideration has therefore been given in these circumstances.

We trust that our parents and carers will "do the right thing" and follow our COVID security measures and thereby reminders from staff will not be as necessary.

We will continue to monitor the efficacy of our COVID security measures and adjust if necessary. However, we would ask all parents to support us in these difficult times and understand that these steps are in place to continue to keep our school COVID free and open!

Please try to be gracious to one another and reflect on the fact that this is a worrying time for everyone and we should be quick to help and support.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Kelly Martin
Head of School