

Learning together to be the best we can be

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the long summer with your children. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back next week.

Yesterday, we reposted (via text and Facebook) our letter from July regarding re-opening and the measures we proposed be put in place to help reduce risks for children, staff and the community as school fully re-opens during the current COVID 19 pandemic. If you haven't read it, please do so.

One of the measures we suggested was to enter via the Cowpen Road entrance and leave via the Tynedale Drive entrance to enable a one way system. As with any attempts to reduce risk there is always a balance and sometimes reducing one risk can increase another. This is why, with any risk assessment, we go through a period of consultation and where needed, changes are made. Some of you have rightly raised concerns about overuse of the Cowpen Road entrance, given the volume of traffic; we empathise fully with this. For this reason, we are amending this element of the provision. **Children and parent (1) may enter / exit via any entrance to the school site however, we would like to encourage a one way system once through the gate. On entering school site, please move around it in an anti-clockwise direction.** We are aware, there will be places eg the path to Tynedale Drive, where there will be pedestrian movement in both directions. We ask that you and your children are responsible for socially distancing in these places and where needed use the grass (even if wet). We acknowledge, this may be inconvenient for some of you, but by encouraging pedestrian traffic to go in one direction, we may be able to prevent staggered start and finish times for different year groups with parents leaving the site in between (a system being used in many schools).

On Thursday, you will entrust your children into our full time care once again and we will pick up the baton on learning once more, a challenge we are genuinely looking forward to. Be assured, we have thought very carefully how we can do this whilst keeping everyone safe. Whilst measures are in place, we will no doubt need to keep reviewing them to ensure they are effective in response to any changing situations.

Please continue to work with us and we will continue to communicate updates using our usual methods.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Irving'.

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