

Lidget Green Primary School's



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Revised drop off and collection arrangements

Dear parents and carers,

When we first reopened school at the beginning of September we told you that we may need to revise our drop off and collection times for the school day.

From next Monday, 12th October, the gates will be open from **8.30am** each morning and will be locked at **8.50am**. Any child who arrives after this time will need to be brought to the office entrance by their parent. At home time, we will open the gates at **2.35pm** for you to collect your child and close them at **3.00pm**. Any child who has not been collected by 3.00pm will need to be collected from the school office. It is very important that your child arrives at school on time and is collected on time. This ensures that your child does not miss out on their learning and allows the teachers time to mark work, prepare for the next day and run after school booster classes with pupils.

These revised arrangements will allow us to maximise the learning time in school whilst still giving parents and carers a 20 minute time slot to drop off and collect the children.

Please continue to wear face coverings at all times when dropping off and collecting your child and remember to follow social distancing guidance by keeping at least 1metre apart from other families in the playground.

We have been informed that after half term, the staff will no longer be able to park in the cemetery car park. Staff will have access to the parking spaces by the main gates in the playground. There will be clear times for entry and exit in order to keep our children and families safe. Please continue to use the one-way system when dropping off and collecting your child from school.

Thank you very much for your continued support

Kind regards

Mrs Moran

Keeping in Touch

You can contact class teachers or Mrs Tomlinson or the School Office via ClassDojo. **We are using ClassDojo more and more to send out reminders, so please make sure you are signed up!**

Parking Issues

A number of parents are parking on the double yellow lines opposite the school and also stopping on the zig - zag lines outside the school gates. Both of these actions pose a serious danger to our families and we are very concerned that a child could be knocked down if we do not address the situation.

As a school we request that parents and carers:

- do not park on the yellow lines opposite school.
- do not stop on the zig-zag lines to drop children off or to collect children.
- park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way.



We are also receiving a number of complaints from the local residents that our parents are parking in and across their driveways. Please can parents ensure they are parking considerately.

As many of you may be aware, some double yellow line may give you a minute waiver time, however, this does not apply to Birks Fold or the surrounding schools and you may be fined.

Attendance

We are extremely concerned by the number of requests we are still receiving for children to have leave from school during term time. The Government ruling is that Headteachers should **not** authorise leave in term time except in **the most exceptional circumstances** as this affects children's learning.



A number of children are leaving school during the school day for various appointments. This has a major impact on the children's learning. Please make medical appointments out of school hours or during the school holidays wherever possible. Medical evidence **MUST** be provided for any appointments to be authorised.

We are aware that some appointments cannot be changed i.e. hospital appointments. If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring proof of the appointment letter or text message. We will then be able to authorise the absence.

Free School Meals

Reception and Key Stage 1 children will still receive the Universal Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

