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'It Really Does Matter'

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Drop-off and Pick-up Times

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my newsletter last week, I am pleased to report that the staggered drop-off and pick-up times (although not perfect) are running more smoothly as time progresses. This morning (Thursday 24th Sept) was definitely the best so far.

As I mentioned previously, being the largest Junior School in Hampshire has many advantages. Yet, at this current moment in time, it does present many unique challenges which smaller schools do not face.

One of our main challenges is the number of parents that come to school at drop-off and pick-up times. You have all been fantastic and I would like to thank you for being so patient and understanding. However, we have received a small number of complaints from the local community regarding the number of parents congregating at the school gates, both before and after school. We also had a visit from the local police on Tuesday evening and they have asked me to communicate that they will be patrolling the area from now on.

I do not believe that there is an ideal solution. Nevertheless, please could I request the following:

- ***IMPORTANT*** – *when you are dropping off your child, please do not congregate on the paved area directly outside the school gate. If you do have to wait outside school, please could you spread out and adhere to appropriate social distancing; we do have vulnerable members in our school community.*
- *Please only send one adult to drop off/collect your child.*
- *Please arrive at the correct time. We are having a large number of people arriving very early, which does cause congestion.*
- *Please adhere to the social distanced markers when walking into school to drop your child off.*
- *Please say goodbye to your child before they get to the gate.*

Thank you once again for your continued understanding and patience during these testing times for everybody. If we all come together as a school community, we can work cooperatively to ensure that everyone feels safe when they come to school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Moore
Headteacher