

Woodnewton – a learning community
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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank You

Thank you all very much for your support and patience this morning and for getting your child to the Academy on time. It went exceptionally well overall, we do realise there were a few teething issues which we have discussed and have addressed.

Please be aware of the drop off and pick up times. Please do not come to the Academy during another Year Groups time slot. There is a fifteen minute window to attend, ie if your time slot is at 8.45 am then you have until 9.00 am to get your child in. If it is 9.00 am then you have until 9.15 am. Please do not come until the start of your time slot. This makes it really difficult with the numbers of children and adults waiting to enter. We have 120 children in each year group so with one parent/carer there will be 240 people waiting. This also applies to pick up times too, do not attend the Academy until your time slot. This is to keep yourselves and the rest of our community safe.

Feedback from some parents/carers this morning was about concerns over the numbers waiting to enter the Academy. We did notice people arriving and waiting before their allocated time slot, as well as there being more than one adult dropping off a child – please adhere to the requests which have been asked to keep everyone safe. We have tried our best, within the Government guidelines, staggering the start and end times to adhere to COVID-19 regulations. We really need your ongoing support with this. Remember to socially distance when waiting hence the need to stick to your time slot. We have three adults at each entry gate to support as smooth a transition into our setting as possible, along with the class teachers.

There are also changes that need to be made based on the events of exiting the children at the end of the day for everyone's safety. These will be the new procedures for the end of the day from Friday onwards.

Years 1 and 2

At the end of the day you will be asked to make a socially distanced line behind your child's class teacher's named cone. The children will then be handed over to you, when at the front of the queue, when you will take your child along the side of the line and onto the one way system to exit, as per the morning routine.

Years 3 and 4

At the end of the day you will be asked, once the children are lined up in their classes, to walk through the gate onto the carpark. You will walk clockwise around the edge of the carpark round the children and then back out. Whilst you are walking around the children your child will join you as we do for exiting the hall during a disco.

Years 5 and 6

The end of the day procedures will remain the same. Reminder the exit is at the gate near the Academy House not the gate you entered by onto the Key Stage 2 playground.

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We absolutely appreciate that there is a need to amend our end of the day arrangements for these year groups based on the end of the day experience today. With the increased numbers, the routines in June have not worked so effectively.

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher please do this via email or phone. This allows for the safety of everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and hope that this will ensure we have a safer exit from the Academy from tomorrow. It has been wonderful to have all the children back in the Academy today. There was a calm atmosphere and I saw numerous happy, smiling faces on my walks around today. Looking forward to seeing everyone back again tomorrow.

Stay Safe, Stay Alert.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glyn Rushton".

Glyn Rushton – Principal

Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1 Gate)

Pink = Class lines

Green= Adult lines

Yellow= Parent/ Carer one-way system



Year 3 and Year 4 (KS2 Carpark)

Pink= Class lines

Yellow= Parent/Carer one-way system

