Shirley Community Primary School
Shirley Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone is keeping well.

I am writing firstly to thank everyone again for their patience and understanding regarding the opening and closing of our school at different times. Our system is working well, and we are pleased with how well children are being dropped off and collected from school. Please continue to ensure that your child is dropped off at the correct time, so that no-one is late. It is vital that children arrive on time for their learning.

(Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6)	**8:40 to 8:55am = Opening** **2:55 to 3:10 pm = Closing**
(Year 1, 3 and 5)	**9:05 to 9:20am = Opening** **3:20 to 3:35pm = Closing**
Pre-School	**8:30 – 11:30 Morning Session** **12:30 – 3:30 Afternool Session**

We continue to follow all of the latest COVID guidance and our systems of cleaning the school throughout the day, as well as ensuring there is plenty of hand washing at key times, continue to operate well. Children are learning well in their bubbles, and only mixing with children in their year groups at break and lunchtimes. Again, we are pleased with how this is working, and this will continue to be the case until there are any changes to Government Guidance.

The Local Authority have produced some useful updated information which we attach to this email, around test and tracing. This is for schools and parents - please read this so you can see what the recommendations are. We have already sent a small number of children home who may be showing symptoms or who have other family members with symptoms. They have been tested, all results have been negative, and they have returned to school. We appreciate the frustrations around the length of time it can take to get a test - that is a national issue that you will have seen in the news - but we hope this will improve.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Cattermole