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Dear Parents and Carers,

Updates and tweaks

Year 2, 3KM/SK:

Beginning of the school day:

Firstly, our apologies for the delay and congestion at the Y2, Y3 gate this morning; we are aware that has caused some anxiety and we will do our very best to tweak arrangements so that we have a more efficient system in place from tomorrow. Mr Good will put some clearer indicators out on the car park that should ease some of the congestion and will be on hand to guide families at drop-off tomorrow.

A big plea from me too - please can you arrive at school as close to the designated time - 8.40am or 8.45am - as you can. These times are there to prevent crowding and we are not able to open the gates until these times because teachers need to be prepared and in classrooms to receive your children safely. Be reassured that no child will be marked late until the gates have closed. Please, please try to avoid arriving early.

End of the school day:

I would also appreciate it if, at the end of the day, you arrive no earlier than 2.55pm and that you enter school through the **top field gate**, please could you then form a few 'good old fashioned queues', stretching onto the field, outside your child's classroom door. This will mean staff can clearly see each of you to be able to match you with your child. The teacher will bring each child to the door as each parent/carer is at the front of each line. Please could you exit school at the **bottom car park gate** at the end of the day.

We never know if a system will work until we trial it and we learn and make changes in response to each incident as they occur - I am hopeful that some of the tweaks we make from tomorrow will ensure that we alleviate some of these problems. We will continue to monitor the situation and feedback from yourselves helps us to get it right for everyone.

Y4 staffing:

I have been in a position this summer to be able to appoint Miss Wilson as Mrs Cameron's job share in 4AC/JW and we are delighted to welcome her to our staff team. This wasn't finalised at the point of sending the class staffing information out but I am able to confirm this now. I am delighted that your children in 4AC will therefore continue to be taught by Miss Wilson at the beginning of the week and by both Miss Wilson and Mrs Cameron at the end of the week. They, like every child in school, also have Mr Lamb and Madame Gascoyne as specialist PE and French teachers. This arrangement will be in place for the full year. More staff = more teaching time and more learning.

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Y2 staffing:

We have been delighted to welcome back Mrs Brett into school and she will resume her teaching role on Tuesday 5th October in her Year 2 class as Mrs Russon's job share. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Torode who has been a wonderfully consistent teacher for the children since we started back at school and she will remain a familiar face in school, to many of our children throughout the year.

Total Sports Club:

Children who have confirmed places in the Total Sports after school clubs are very welcome to come to school in their PE kit if they wish to do so on the day of their club. This eliminates the need to change in a rush at the end of the school day. Please don't worry if one day they wear the 'wrong' thing, we will always welcome each child to school, teach them and reassure them.

Please do continue to communicate with us and we will be happy to answer your queries and make changes as necessary.

With best wishes as always,

Anne Forman

Mrs Anne Forman (Acting Headteacher)