



Roskear Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer

This morning I spent time outside with members of the senior management team looking at ways to address concerns and unhappiness regarding drop off in the morning. I was also told that other schools are not doing staggered starts and finishes and asked why we have to.

The government guidance is as follows:

d. Measures for arriving at and leaving school

We know that travel to school patterns differ greatly between schools. If those patterns allow, schools should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. Staggered start and finish times should not reduce the amount of overall teaching time. A staggered start may, for example, include condensing/staggering free periods or break time but retaining the same amount of teaching time, or keeping the length of the day the same but starting and finishing later to avoid rush hour. Schools should consider how to communicate this to parents and remind them about the process that has been agreed for drop off and collection, including that gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.

We are required to follow this guidance, even if other schools are not. As I have previously relayed to parents and carers if we went back to all parents be able to drop off at 8.40am we could end up with over 1000 parents/children on site at one time. Clearly we cannot allow this.

What school will change to improve the situation-

- Doors will be opened on time.
- Lunch choices will be taken in the class once children have settled so that children can enter the classroom quickly.
- Changes will be made to where to parents line up

Nursery are to line up outside the pencil gate to the left please and only come in to the outside area when invited by the nurse-staff once their door is opened (this will be marked).

Porthcurno are to line up to the right of the external classroom door please and circle round (this will be marked)

- A second gate will be placed in the pencil fence so that parents can enter using one and exit using the other. These will be marked enter/exit.

What you can do to help-

- Please arrive no earlier than 8.45am if you have a child in reception or nursery (today I saw parents arriving at 8.30am)
- Please arrive between 8.30-8.40am if you have a child in Year 2. The Year 2 door will be locked at 8.40am and children arriving late will have to come to reception.
- When handing over your child, encourage them to enter quickly. If you need to talk to the teacher please message on eSchools, as talking on the door slows down the line of children entering. For the first half term we will have a member of staff from reception waiting away from the class entrance who you can talk to if it is urgent/essential.
- Once your child is in please leave the site promptly as this will help your child to settle.

I will review this regularly to see if this improves the situation and amend as needed and staff will be out and about observing and helping at handover.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your honesty and support. I know how hard it is at the moment and only want to improve things for everyone.

Kind regards

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