



# MERRYLANDS

## PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your support, patience and understanding today with the dropping off and collection of your child/ren. As you can appreciate, staff have to get to know parents/carers at the start of the academic year, which can take longer, as well as adults having to queue and social distance. Tomorrow should be much easier as at least everyone knows where the classes are.

We have to navigate at least 1200 children and parents/carers around the school site also ensuring social distancing. It is, therefore, important that the one-way system is adhered to. When planning this in July it was very difficult to imagine how it would work. Today the majority of the plan worked well but there will be some changes with pick up and collection from the new build. These changes will be sent to the year groups affected.

The new build is impressive; however, we have experienced numerous issues, one of which is the pathway and lack of tarmac. This has been an ongoing 'bone of contention' and I have raised the issue as a matter of urgency. I hope that the measures we are going to put in place tomorrow will help and we will continue to monitor the situation.

Just to clarify, when you arrive to collect your child/ren can you please arrive at the earliest pick up time for your child/ren. These are:

<b>Year 6 and Year 3</b>	3.00 pm
<b>Year 1 and Year 5</b>	3.10 pm
<b>Year 2 and Year 4</b>	3.20 pm

As previously stated, you can collect siblings after the earliest pick up.

All times will continue to be reviewed.

Thank you for your continued support. The children have been wonderful today and we have thoroughly enjoyed having them back.

Have a good evening and we will see you all tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robinson  
Headteacher



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