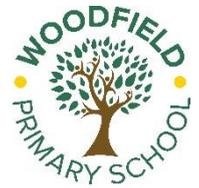




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone on what has been the strangest start to a new term that I have ever experienced! I can not tell you how proud we all are of your children and the way they have reacted to the changes that we have put into place; they have been brilliant. They have sensible, caring and have helped to make the start of this year extremely smooth. I knew things would soon get back to normal here, but even I was surprised how little time it took for the children to be settled, and for all classrooms to look and sound as if we had never been away. Schools should not be empty, and we are so glad they are all back.

I would also like to say thank you to you for your understanding and patience as we have implemented all these changes. All the staff have worked extremely hard this summer to ensure we open safely, but it has been made much easier with your help and kindness.

After reviewing the first two days, I would just like to reiterate a couple of points. Firstly, can we please make sure we do not arrive too early for the allotted time either for the start or end of the day. Please try to be prompt and then move away from the school entrance as soon as you can. Secondly, please make sure we have your current phone number and email address.

Finally, we have decided we are going to change one aspect of our day and it is at the **end** of the day. Initially our fears were that people would be waiting for siblings and this would cause congestion. So we allowed parents to pick up all their children at the time of the youngest sibling. The congestion outside school has been much better than we hoped! However, allowing children to leave early has caused confusion in a different way! The children (and you) don't know what entrances to pick up early children from and we have had a lot of children (and parents) running round school.

So, we have decided that all children will now leave **at their allotted time and from their entrance**. Siblings will **not** be allowed to be picked up early as this is causing too much movement between bubbles within school. If this causes you huge distress or problems then please let us know. But we think that most siblings come out within 15 minutes of each other, and the waiting will get shorter as we get used to the children leaving.

I hope this makes sense and I am sorry for the change, but we are adapting to the reality that we see, now that we are back in school. As I said, if this causes you a huge problem then please contact me.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all back on Monday morning! It has been great having your children back, we have really missed them.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury  
Headteacher