

# Winchelsea



*All Individuals Matter*

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support with the new arrangements that school has put in place to try to manage the risks associated with Covid-19. The staggered drop-off and pick up timings are working well and the organisation of the day in school and the hygiene routines are becoming embedded. The children have been great and are following the directives very well and so far we are pleased that school is managing so well.

However, based on the experiences of educational settings across the county we can see that the greatest impact upon a school is when staff members are affected. We do not wish to change our procedures as they are so far working well and our children are happy to be back at school, but as Miss Stewart and I are in contact with all the parents and children each day at the school gates it would be greatly appreciated if parents could be reminded that only ONE parent should be entering the playground and from now you might feel it precautionary for a face mask to be worn by the collecting parent. At this time it is not compulsory though as always we appreciate the willingness of our parents to support our school community.

We would also ask that you arrive close to the timings and leave quickly to minimise the contact between groups rather than congregating for any length of time near the school gates either before or after the allocated timings.

Whilst Miss Stewart and I are always there to help we would like to reduce unnecessary risk as much as possible and therefore we ask that you are organised with all items and belongings so we are not having to pass items such as PE kits, lunchboxes and water bottles on to class teachers.

At this time, for the children and their possible anxieties Miss Stewart and I will continue to be unmasked and be that friendly face at the gates! We will continually review procedures for the best interests of the school community and appreciate your continued support in an effort to keep us all safe and well.

Kind regards

*Helen Duckett*

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