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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to start by celebrating the Roseacre children who have been simply outstanding since returning to school on Wednesday. They have quickly settled into their new routines. The children are happy and motivated.

I would also want to thank parents and staff, in jointly ensuring that the new routines are being embedded as swiftly as possible. The logistical challenges faced by large primary schools are significant. We appreciate that one-way systems can make journeys longer but they play an essential role in maintaining social distancing. I politely ask that all parents are courteous to staff who have been delegated the unenviable task of enforcing the school's one-way system.

Parents should be assured that we are constantly reviewing arrangements in order to make dropping off and collecting children as smooth as possible. We have received several constructive emails from parents which I shall respond to globally.

Face masks: face masks in school playgrounds are a matter of personal choice. We ask adults to maintain social distancing at all times.

Teacher conversations: any adult who wants to speak to their child's class teacher should do so when the rest of the class has been collected. This will facilitate a quicker collection times. Arrangements for parents' evenings are currently being discussed.

Congestion on pavements: we ask that parents do not arrive at school until close to their allocated time. Where safe to do so, we ask that parents cross to the other side of roads to help maintain social distancing when their child has been collected.

Rainy days: children should bring a coat to school, irrespective of weather forecasts. Nobody wants children standing outside in school uniform, getting unnecessarily cold or wet, whilst waiting to be collected. Whilst we will try to keep waiting times to a minimum, it is inevitable that parents will be waiting in the rain. Please come prepared!

Families with more than one Roseacre child: there is an appreciation that having children in different year groups will mean waiting for the last child to finish for 10, 20 or 30 minutes. This is currently unavoidable as children cannot enter different year group bubbles. Additionally, learning time would be lost &/or disrupted if children routinely left classrooms early. However, it is hoped that collection times will become more condensed as routines become established.

Any parents who have any questions or suggestions around the current arrangements are encouraged to either email admin@roseacre.blackpool.sch.uk or speak to a member of staff wearing a hi-vis vest, either before or after school.

On behalf of everybody at Roseacre I wish all children, parents and carers a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher Roseacre Primary Academy

