



Feedback on Wider Re-Opening of School

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Monday. The smiles and excitement that the children displayed as they walked into school was amazing to see! I am very proud of the manner in which children have settled back into school life this week. Feedback from class teachers has also been very positive and teachers have been very impressed with the children's attitude to learning, their outstanding behaviour and the sense of teamwork they have displayed throughout the week. Teachers are working extremely hard to ensure that the transition back to school is smooth for the children and they are trying to alleviate any worries or concerns that may have throughout the school day.

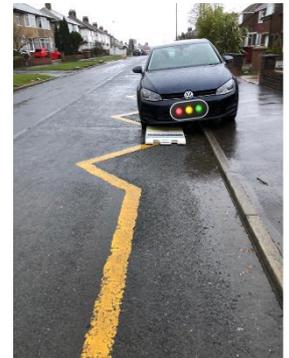
Face Coverings



Thank you to all the parents who have remembered to wear face coverings before entering the school premises. It is vitally important that ALL parents wear a face mask so that we can further minimise the risk of virus transmission. We have sent out numerous reminders to parents to ensure that face masks are worn whilst on the school grounds. Members of staff and the Senior Leaders will be challenging parents who are not wearing masks and the parents not following the rules will not be allowed to enter the school grounds if spotted by a member of staff. We are hoping that we will not need to take this action as I firmly believe that we can all work together to keep everyone safe during this difficult period.

Parking Issues

We have *already* had a few complaints from residents on Whinney Lane because some parents have been parking across residents' drives and on yellow lines. I was saddened this morning to receive this photo of a car that had not only parked on the zig-zag lines on Whinney Lane but had also parked over the parking sign that had been displayed to prevent people from parking on permitted areas! This is irresponsible behaviour and the driver of this vehicle needs to reflect on his/her actions. Such actions not only put other road users and pedestrians at risk, but they also destroy all our hard work over the past two years to address the parking issues around school.



Availability of Rapid Testing for Families

Regular rapid testing is now available for all households with children. By taking part in regular rapid testing, you will be protecting yourself and your love ones and helping us all get back to a more normal way of life. It's a simple swab you can do at home using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). It only takes around 30 minutes to find out if you have the virus. Research has shown that these tests pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms – they could be spreading it without knowing.

You can order these tests online to do at home. To find out how to get a free rapid Covid 19 test visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing). Please remember that regular rapid testing is for those without symptoms of Coronavirus. If you have symptoms, you should continue to book through [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

