



Barlby Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Gate Timings

I am writing to update you on the measures we are taking in school in response to the Covid-19 crisis. With your partnership we have successfully run a full school for nearly 6 weeks. Attendance has been excellent and our systems have become well embedded. The only change we plan relates to the school gate timings. At present we have children moving to and from classrooms via four gates for up to one hour a day. This is having a negative impact on the curriculum and lessons are interrupted morning and afternoon. Staff are waiting on gates for up to an hour a day which is not a good use of time.

In response to this challenge we are changing the gate opening times from **Monday 12th October** to the following.

- All four gates will open at 8.30am and will be closed promptly at 8.45am.
- All four gates will open at 3pm and will be closed promptly at 3.15pm.

We rely on parents/carers to observe social distance- the staff must remain focused on the children.

There are no changes to the gate at which your child arrives or is collected- the change relates to the time only.

As always we rely on the children arriving and leaving on time especially as the whole school is operating in bubbles. This system will enable the teachers to start learning promptly at 8.45am and finish lessons at a consistent time. Please note that as the gates will close at 3.15pm- children who are collected late will be cared for in the Barlby playcentre bubble. After 3.15pm, the only available collection gate is number 1 at the main school office.

Many thanks for your understanding and on going support,

Anthony Mannix

Headteacher