



# Leigh and Bransford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been really wonderful to have our pupils return and to see school starting to get back to normal again. On the whole pupils have seemed happy and are starting to settle back into school life. I am delighted to let you know that attendance levels were high yesterday running at 95.7% and they look very similar today.

As expected however there are a few things that we have noticed that we would like to improve. I will detail these below in sections.

We are concerned that we have a lot of people waiting on the school site which means that entrances and exits are congested and therefore responsible social distancing is difficult to achieve. Therefore we request that:

- You arrive at your child's class door at the allotted time to reduce crowding around these areas. We know that families with two pupils in different bubbles will need to wait but it would improve matters if all families with just one child came at the specified times.
- As soon as you have dropped off/picked up please return to your vehicle to reduce numbers on site and free up parking.
- If you are waiting for your child to enter/exit school please do not wait in such a way that blocks entrances and exits to school. This is a particular issue at the Hoopers Close one way system. Please use the reception playground to wait in until your child goes in/comes out.
- Please ensure that just one parent comes on to the school site to drop off/pick up.
- Whilst waiting on the school site please keep your children with you and remain distanced from other groups. If we begin to mix and there is a Covid outbreak then the whole school may need to be quarantined if we do not maintain the integrity of our bubbles. If our bubbles are working properly then any quarantining can be much more focussed and much less disruptive to our pupils' education. **We need your help to make this work so please follow these steps.**

The drop off car park is also struggling to cope with the number of users, therefore please adhere to the following guidance to ensure that it is safe and efficient to use for everyone. This would be a good time to remind everyone that there is a clause in the planning permission for the drop off car park that notes, if we cause congestion on the A4103 then the planning authorities reserve the right to close the facility. We have had

queuing on to the main road both mornings so far which is both dangerous to those queuing and may cause problems with the planning authorities.

- Please aim to arrive at the drop off car park 5 minutes before your child's bubble opens – this will maximise the capacity we have and aid efficient usage.
- As soon as you have dropped off/picked up please return to your vehicle to reduce numbers on site and free up parking.
- Please always ensure that the entrance and exit to the drop off car park are not obstructed and remember that the school bus may need to get through.
- If you need to block others in then the right hand side of the car park is the place for this (the main road side) as this still allows a flow of traffic through the car park.

Apologies that there is a lot of information here to digest and many requests to follow. However we want to get this right and to keep everyone safe. We also want our school to be resilient in the current situation and well placed to continue to operate as normally as possible in these abnormal times.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bill

Headteacher