



Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

In October, following parental feedback, the school developed a revised system to the start and end to the school day. The intention was to put this in place soon after we returned from half term but as you will be aware the country went into Lockdown during the first week back followed straight afterwards by Tier 3 restrictions, so we were unable to implement these changes.

We were very much hoping that Warwickshire would be placed into Tier 2 this morning. Sadly, with us remaining in Tier 3 and with levels of COVID-19 remaining so high in the local area the school is unfortunately still unable to make changes to any of our revised start and end of school day systems. As one of the very few schools who have not yet had to close any bubbles the school would be held to account by the Local Authority and Public Health England if we made any changes that might compromise this whilst high infection rates are so high.

The school is aware that many parents still need flexibility when doing the school run, especially at drop off, so we are sharing details of the revised new morning system with you now. We want you to know that the school has listened to and wants to accommodate parents but is unable to make changes to the system until infection rates fall – the priority has to be to keep the school community as safe as possible. **Please note that changes will not come into effect until we are confident that rates of COVID-19 in the local area have reduced and the earliest this would be would be when Warwickshire is put into Tier 2.**

When COVID-19 rates are lower, the intention is to trial this revised system. This would initially be a change to drop off only but based on the success of this we would look to make further changes to collection time too.

The following revised morning drop off system has been devised based on:

- Latest Government guidance and the school's Full Reopening Risk Assessment
- Parental feedback
- The layout of our school site
- The age of our very young pupils, who need an adult to ensure they have been safely dropped off and collected each day
- Experiences shared by other schools
- The vast number of families with siblings across Telford Infant and Junior Schools – 20 families have siblings attending Telford Infants and approximately 75 families have children in both Telford Infants and Telford Juniors.

Under the revised system, morning drop off for all children at Telford Infants will be anytime between 8.45am and 9.05am, with teaching starting promptly at 9.05am.

Parents will need to help make this a safe alternative by continuing to mitigate risk of infection by:

- Being considerate of each other and social distancing
- Adhering to the One way system
- Wearing face coverings at all times when on and around the outskirts of the school site
- Dropping children swiftly at their classroom door
- Leaving the school site immediately after drop off and keeping the area around the school gates clear
- Arranging for **one** adult only to accompany their child(ren) – this adult may vary from day to day
- Keeping children and siblings by their side at all times

We are aware that the revised drop off timings fall outside of the current arrangements for families with children in Amber, Turquoise and Magenta who currently drop off between 9.05am and 9.15am. We shall work with any parents who have children in these classes who have made alternative childcare arrangements to accommodate this if needed, although a number of parents who have children in these classes are requesting an earlier time slot.

Collection times are more difficult to reorganise as parents have to spend more time on site whilst waiting to collect their children but we do have a plan and ask that you are patient and wait for further details after we have successfully trialled the revised drop off timings, when we are able to do so.

Please be aware that the school day has been reorganised to ensure that learning time is the same as it would be under non COVID-19 arrangements and that children in all classes receive equal direct learning time no matter what their staggered collection time is.

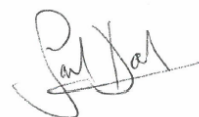
Again, please note that the revised drop off timings will not come into effect until we are confident that rates of COVID-19 in the local area have reduced and the earliest this would be would be when Warwickshire is put into Tier 2. The school will contact all parents when this will take effect.

Thank you for your support and understanding in ensuring our school community is safe and well during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of Governors

