



Dobcroft Junior School

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Important Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing with an update with regards to our first day of school and opening for all pupils. First of all, a huge thank you to everyone for your patience, flexibility and understanding during what is an extremely challenging and stressful time for schools. The most important thing to say is that all of the Junior School children are settling well into school life, having fun at playtimes, re-connecting with one another and certainly trying to follow all of our new systems and routines. That said, we have much to do, especially regarding the Cinder Path entrance. Infant and Junior staff have met to discuss how we can improve the situation. Below are a few changes that we are making and a few FAQs to hopefully help you with your routines.

Masks- Please can all adults wear a mask or face covering both on the Cinder path and in the car park areas for drop off and pick up.

Entrance & Exits- Wherever possible, please use the Pingle Road entrance in order to avoid the huge congestion that we experienced on the Cinder Path today.

Cinder Path Drop Off & Pick Up

- ***No Junior children should arrive before 845***
- ***Junior & Infant Siblings with different times-*** For drop off, Infant parents and children to make their way down to the infant gate and Junior children will be directed to a 'waiting zone' in the Junior yard until their allocated time. At pick up, Junior children can wait in the designated area for their sibling and then make their way to their agreed exit.
- ***Junior siblings with different times-*** At drop off, the first sibling will make their way to their zone and the later sibling will be directed to the 'waiting zone' until their allocated time.
- ***All children arriving at their allocated time-*** should make their way to their zone (they all now know where this is and it is also written on their slip of paper that they have brought home tonight).
- ***No parents will be allowed onto the junior yard-*** unless it is to access the infant gate from the Cinder Path.
- ***Exit from the Infant Site at both points of the day-*** Infant Parents will exit the infant site via the car park (they will not be allowed to exit via the Cinder Path as it is too congested). Staff will be unable to allow you to access across the Junior yard.
- At pick up, where Parents need to meet their child at the Cinder Path Gate, they will be directed to a waiting zone at the top of the Junior yard, rather than waiting on the Cinder Path.

DASH Gate & Bottom Playground Gate- Drop off & Pick Up

- ***No children should arrive before 845***
- ***Junior siblings with different times:*** At drop off, the earlier sibling can make their way to their zone through one of these gates and the later sibling will have to wait until their allocated time.

At pick up, Junior children can wait in the designated area for their sibling (if they have one) and then make their way to the agreed exit.

- ***At pick up, please identify a particular spot with your child so they can easily find you***

We hope the above changes alleviate congestion for both schools and that drop off is more manageable for everyone tomorrow. As always, we will keep listening to feedback and make changes wherever possible.

Kind Regards,
Nicola Sexton- Head Teacher