

THE FEDERATION OF MIDDLEHAM (VA) AND SPENNITHORNE (VC) CE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. EPHESIANS 4:32

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Dear Parents and Carers

I have been a little concerned recently about the playgrounds at both schools at the end of the day.

As a federation of schools, we have not had any reported cases and for this, I am grateful and want to keep it this way. The implications of having active cases in school would have far reaching effects for us all so I would like to remind you all of the guidance which has remained unchanged since partial reopening in June.

We ask all parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Only **one** parent to bring their child to school and pick up. Siblings should not accompany the parent when dropping off or picking up wherever possible. If they have to accompany you, they must follow social distancing guidelines and must stay with you.
- Please walk to school if you can.
- Please do not congregate around entrances.
- Please adhere to social distancing at all times when waiting to pick up pupils.
- At Spennithorne, please come into the large playground and wait for your child - please do not wait in the car park. Taking a few minutes to use the one-way system is a small price to pay to ensure we all stay safe and well.
- At Middleham, please use the entire playground to wait for your child to fully utilise the space we have. It is a lot easier for Mrs Brown to hand your children over to you if she can see you clearly. Please note, children in the Rabbits class are not released to you until Mrs Brown sees you waving so that you are aware your children have been passed over to you.
- After drop off and pick up, please leave the school grounds immediately.
- Remind your child to sanitise their hands as soon as they enter the school building. We will encourage this at school and also to not touch their face with their hands.
- Please send any messages into school via email and not in the form of a note.

I have consciously decided not to stagger start and end of school times nor request parents wear masks whilst on school premises but might have to reconsider if we cannot maintain clear social distancing guidelines.

As an reminder, we do not have a lot of staff so the end of the day routines with the school bus from Spennithorne to Middleham, the school transport service, nursery drop offs and letting out bubbles safely does stretch us. To make this run as effectively as possible, please pick up your child on time. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs L Evans
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