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Dear Parents

A super first few days back at school for the children, everyone has settled really well and the children are working hard on the characteristics of effective learning, staff have spotted lots of "Go for it Gorillas"

Thank you for your patience as we get used to the new normal entry and exit to school, we will be making adjustments to the plan in the first few weeks to ensure we all stay safe.

We have set out timings to try our very best to ensure that all Parents have the best possible opportunities to continue with their own "working hours".

Gentle Reminders:

We do appreciate the effort everyone is making to get here early, however, please can you stick to the following timings:

	Drop off time	Pick up time
Family Groups	8.30am - 8.35am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.35am – 8.40am	3.10pm
Year 3	8.35am – 8.40am	3.10pm
Year 2	8.40am – 8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1	8.40am – 8.45am	3.05pm
Reception	8.45am – 8.50am	3.00pm

Drop off time - AM

We have created additional signs to help with the morning drop off, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hedges and myself will be there to help you with this.

- Please do not congregate around the top gate as some parents have expressed that this makes them feel uncomfortable
- Please wait in the bays in the car park until you are called forward



- Please if you have a message for the School Office or the Class Teacher email the school office at office@stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk or phone the school on 01305 262258
- If you have an URGENT message please wait until the end of morning drop off before coming to the office

Pick up time - PM

We have created added additional signs to help with the afternoon pickup, myself and Mrs Wilson will be there to help you with this.

- Please after you have collected your child can you then exit the school car park, historically this was always a good time for a catch up with friends, however, to keep everyone safe please can you make sure you leave the immediate area (especially the car park & school gate area) as soon as possible
- Children **are not** allowed to use the Play Equipment in the playground after school
- Please can all parents line up in single file when collecting children from Reception/Year 1 and Year 2
- Please can parents exiting the building from the back playground walk in single file

Another one of our safety measures is that children keep their belongings with them in class during the day so there is less contact with other children's belongings. Therefore, bags go under each child's desk. Please can we ask that children do not bring in big inflexible backpacks as this doesn't give them much room under their desks or in the classroom.

For your information, in the present climate when children's reading and library books are returned to school they will be put in to a specific box. They will stay in these boxes for three days, they will be wiped clean and then put back into our library or reading book area.

If you have any reading/library books from last term, please return these to school.

Historically some parents have brought in treats to give out at the end of the school day when it is their child's birthday. Due to the current climate, this can unfortunately no longer happen. As you know we do celebrate the children's birthday ourselves at St Mary's.

We will be emailing out to parents the Autumn term curriculum information letter and topic web from your child's class teacher next week.

Hopefully these tweaks will ensure that we are all safe at the beginning and end of the school day. Many Thanks for your continued support.

Have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher