



**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to this second half of the Autumn term. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school today.

As you will all be aware we will be entering a period of national lockdown from Thursday 5th November. We were really pleased to see that schools will remain open during this time, however it is even more important than ever that we all follow the social distancing measures in place to keep everyone safe, both in school and in our wider community.

Face Coverings

In a bid to help reduce the spread of the virus and as an additional safety measure we will now be asking all adults to wear a face covering whilst on school grounds. We already ask that one is worn when entering the building but as an added safety measure kindly ask that a face covering is worn whenever on the school grounds.

Staggered Starts/Finish Entrance/Exit Gates

We are also very grateful for everyone following our guidance on staggered start/finish times and entrance exit gates. This has a big impact on reducing congestion on the school grounds, again keeping everyone as safe as possible. Here are the times and allocated gates as a polite reminder:

- **Ladybirds (Mrs Theakston)**
 - **8.50am to 3pm** – Please use the **Southfield Road gate** and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo.
- **Butterflies (Mrs Buckton/Miss Kelly)**
 - **9am to 3.10pm** – Please use the **Allotment Lane gate** and the children will enter and leave through the Foundation Stage cloakroom door to the rear of the school.
- **Bumblebees (Miss Dean)**
 - **8.50am to 3pm** – Please use the **Allotment Lane gate**. The children will enter and leave through the Key Stage 1 cloakroom door. Parents/carers should wait at the top of the steps in the marked area.
- **Caterpillars (Miss Tate)**
 - **9am to 3.10pm** - Please use the **Southfield Road gate** and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo.
- **Dragonflies (Mrs Baarda)**
 - **9.10am to 3.20pm** – Please use the **Southfield Road gate** and wait on the right-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.
- **Grasshoppers (Miss Yorke)**
 - **9.10am to 3.20pm** – Please use the **Allotment Lane gate** and wait on the left-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.

Please note: *Children must remain with their parent/carer at all times on the playground and will not be able to play on the playground or equipment at the beginning and end of the day. The gates will not be opened until 8.45am and all adults should leave the school grounds once their child has entered school or been met by their teacher. This is to meet social distancing regulations.*

We sincerely thank you for helping us all to keep everyone as safe as possible. These are strange times but together we can support each other; Team Northfield will help each other along the way!

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the office if there is anything we can help you with.

Yours sincerely

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