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Hello and welcome!

A very warm (literally) welcome back to the new school year! What a fantastic week we've had as we've re-united with friends and settled into our learning in new classrooms and with new teachers.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families in Dr Seuss class this week. Mrs McCormick has been so pleased with how you have started to settle into school life, and we can't wait to have you join us for your lunch from next week.

I'd also like to welcome Mr Easton and Miss Foster to the teaching team who I know look forward to meeting you over the course of the term.

And finally, a welcome from me! My name is Marc Dockrell and I am delighted to be joining Rosherville as Deputy Head Teacher until Easter. I've had lots of interactions this week with parents and pupils whilst on the gates and out and about around the school. The children have all returned looking smart, ready to learn and have made me feel very welcome. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Chitty will resume her role as Executive Head Teacher and between the two of us, Mrs Burrha and Mrs Macfarlane someone should always generally be available to answer any questions you may have. If for any reason we aren't, please do email through to the school office.

Communications

All pupils should have received their family invitations this week to access SeeSaw. This platform will continue to be used by teachers to communicate with parents.

We will continue using Arbor for emails and In-App messages and you can use the App to update any of your child's details (such as emergency contacts).

We will be moving to a paper-less system as much as possible and over the coming weeks our newsletter will be undergoing an exciting makeover.



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Reflection on this week's Worship

Our theme in Collective Worship this week has been 'Together again – building our community' On Monday, Marion spoke about journeys and Mr Dockrell has spoken about how we are all individual and unique pieces of the Rosherville jigsaw puzzle. We all have an important job to do as we build our school community. We spent time with Mrs Burrha thinking about the foundations (our school vision) we need to build upon to help us build a strong school community that we all contribute towards.

At the start of the year we have been reviewing aspects of school that we need to change slightly. Safeguarding our pupils, staff and indeed yourselves as parents and carers whilst on-site is our main priority. To help us achieve this we are introducing some changes to how pupils are dropped off and collected from school as of Monday 11th September.

Start of day arrangements

In the morning, we encourage you to drop your child at the main (green) gate leading onto the playground. Your children can walk independently across the playground to the brown gate.

Parents can still access the school office to deliver any messages.

Parents will not be allowed through the middle brown fence gate to access classrooms. All pupils (Donaldson class upwards) will enter through this gate as all classrooms can be accessed from here.

Parents of children in Dr Seuss class will be allowed as far as the gate leading onto the field where a member of the class staff will be to take any messages.

End of day arrangements

Our playground becomes busy at this time of day therefore we need to change how we dismiss children at the end of the day. Children in Dr Seuss class will be brought to the small playground area (by the Prayer garden) by the staff and parents can walk through the big metal gate to collect their child from the staff.

All other classes will line up on the playground (facing the school building) with Donaldson class nearest the green fence next to the car park and leading up to Morpurgo class lining up nearest to the bike/scooter parking area.



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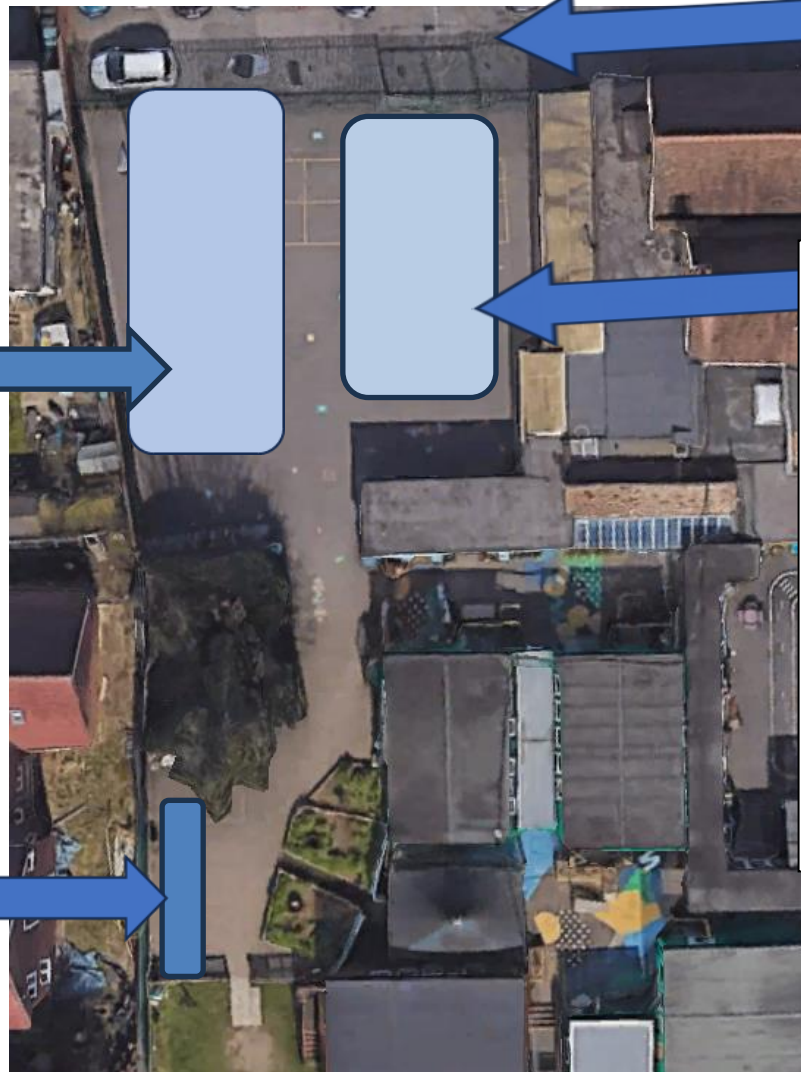
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I'd encourage parents/carers to be patient whilst staff hand over children as they need to see adults before releasing children.

Donaldson, Dahl, Zephania, Rauf and Morpurgo will line up here, facing the school (Donaldson nearest the car park fence and Morpurgo near the bike ramp).

Dr Seuss class will line up in the Prayer garden and can be collected by parents from here.



Green entrance gate onto the playground

Parents of children in **Donaldson, Dahl, Zephania, Rauf and Morpurgo** are encouraged to wait on this side of the playground – opposite the classes lining up and when there is space to do so, walk forwards to collect your child.



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I'm hoping that the above arrangements will reduce a bottleneck at some points on the playground. Please be patient whilst we get these important arrangements right for the school community.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, stay safe in the sun and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dockrell

Deputy Head Teacher