



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming all of our families back to school tomorrow and hope our children have enjoyed their holiday.

Following on from the government announcement that there will be a lock down (excluding schools) beginning Thursday, we are still awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education as to how any measures may impact on how schools are to run. Our CEO, Mr Alun Williams, will be sending a letter to all families tomorrow to explain the situation.

After reviewing our school risk assessment, we have decided to make some minor alterations to drop off and pick up to reduce the number of families waiting in the playground at the beginning and end of the day. **This will mean siblings will start and finish at the same time. In the morning, children will be called in class by class with siblings first.**

1. From tomorrow, children in Years 1-4 with an older sibling in Year 5/6 may come into school at 8:35am with both children using the entrance on the top playground. Their older sibling will take them down to their classroom. Children arriving early in this way will be expected to read quietly until the rest of the class arrives. **Please explain this to your child/children.**
2. At the end of the day, when children in Year 5/6 go home at 3:00pm, they will first collect any siblings in Year 1,2,3 or 4 and then leave via the entrance on the top playground.
3. Children in Year 3/4 with a younger sibling in Year 1/2 will continue to go to leave together with their younger sibling's class.
4. Reception children will continue to be dropped and picked up by parents/carers at the usual entrance/ exit. **If you would like an older sibling (Years 3,4,5 or 6) to come out of the Reception exit please let Reception staff know and they can arrange with your older sibling's teacher to release them at 3:00pm**
5. Sun & Sunbeams children will continue to be picked up as usual at 3:30 pm
6. **These changes apply to sibling groups only and the usual start and end times apply for other children as follows:**

**Reception - 8:35am-3:00pm**

**Year 1 & 2 -8:45am-3:10pm**

**Year 3 & 4 - 8:45-3:10pm**

**Year 5&6 - 8:35 am-3:00pm**

I would like to remind you that children are not allowed to play on the field, on school equipment or play football before or after school.

I would also ask that parents and carers arrive as close to the actual drop off/ pick up time as possible rather than arriving early to help reduce the number of people in the playground **and maintain social distancing guidelines at all times.** Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell  
Head Teacher

