



8th October 2020

Changes to drop off and pick up

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank you once again for your support during drop off and pick up times. Thank you to all those who wear masks and who leave the playground as quickly as possible.

Schools in York are now starting to report positive covid tests and, as a result, are having to close parts of the school. We want to do everything possible to prevent Park Grove having to close so we want to improve our drop off and pick up procedures further.

We have tried really hard to avoid staggered starts in order to help parents with their own places of work so that working hours are not affected. We think that our new procedures will still allow you to continue your own working hours with little disruption but we can't guarantee this will always be the case if we can't make small changes now.

Please see below the changes that will start from **Monday 12th October.**

Changes

Drop off


- We would ask that parents do not drop Key Stage 2 children at the school doors, but instead say goodbye to them at the entrance of the playground.
- Class 7, 8 and 9 children will start their day at **8:35am**. They will come into school by themselves through their usual door whenever they arrive. Doors will open at 8:35am and we would ask that children arrive as close as possible to this time. Staff will be on hand to help any child who is struggling to come in by themselves.
- Class 5 and 6 will use the side entrance (as usual) but will also begin their day at **8:35am**. Parents should avoid coming to the side entrance door because this is where bubbles are crossing over and where there is the most risk of mixing bubbles. Class 5 and 6 will be greeted by the Pupil Support Team at 8:35am and will be asked to go straight to their classes.



EBOR ACADEMY TRUST

www.parkgrove.ebor.academy | Email: admin.pgs.ebor.academy | Tel: 01904 554390

Park Grove, York YO31 8LG | Headteacher: Jo Sawyer | Executive Headteacher and Hub Lead: Gail Brown

 Follow us on Twitter @ParkGroveSchool

Part of the Ebor Academy Trust. Registered office: Ebor Business and Training Centre, The Leyes, Osbaldwick, York YO10 3PR. Registered in England No. 08806335.

- Class 1 – 4 will continue as before and will use the entrance they have been using at 8:45am. Only one parent or carer should come on to the playground to drop off.
- Parents should leave the playground as soon as possible. Please don't stop to talk to other parents on the playground, as this increases our risk of adults being 'contacts'.
- We would ask that parents try to use the entrance to the playground where their children will be dropped off. Class 1 and 4 should use the Lowther Street gate and Class 2 and 3 should come in via Park Grove. If this is not possible, please wait until the Class 5 and 6 children are safely in school before crossing the bubble to go down the side of the school.

Pick Up

- Children in Year 5 and 6 (from classes 7, 8 or 9) who have parental permission to walk home by themselves will finish school at **3:05pm**. They will be asked to leave the school as quickly as possible to cut down on the amount of children on the playground at one time. We currently have 37 children with parental permission so this will make a big difference on the playground.
- There will be no other changes to pick up. However, we cannot stress enough the importance of picking up on time and leaving the site as soon as possible. We spend all day ensuring that children do not mix bubbles but if they then mix at the end of each day it negates our efforts.

We have tried to make our arrangements as easy and practical for parents as possible. Many schools have staggered starts which make it difficult for working parents. We hope our tweaks will not have a negative impact on your work arrangements or childcare.

We really appreciate your support with the new arrangements.

Best wishes,

Jo Sawyer
Headteacher
j.sawyer@ebor.academy