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## Information for Parents/Guardians

Dear parents,

As we are preparing to welcome all our pupils back on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. I am writing to give you further information about the school day. Please read this letter carefully in conjunction with the previous information letter also published on the website. Due to Covid19 measures the traffic arrangements will be different for buses and parents in the morning.

### **Dropping off in the morning**

Parents/Guardians **will not be able to drive in the school grounds and if possible they should park further away and walk to the school.** This is to make Bus, Staff and Taxi traffic manageable.

- Parents/Guardians dropping off their child in the morning will walk with their child through the main gate and up the pavement on the left hand side. A member of staff will meet parents before the main school entrance (see picture below) and take/direct the child to school depending on their age. Please wait at the red cone.





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## **Picking up in the afternoon.**

- Parents picking up their children for school have to wait outside at the parents' assembly point. This is the small car parking area beside the turning circle in front of the school. Yellow cones will be placed to mark where each Parent/Guardian can stand and wait to ensure social distancing. (See picture below)



**We would ask you that only one Parent/Guardian enters the school grounds with their child. Please observe Social Distancing at all times.**

## **School Bags**

Children will be allowed school bags as usual and will hang them behind their chairs in the classroom. Bags should be sent to school only with the necessary workbooks/ lunch/ break etc. please try and sanitize the bag before and after the school day.

## **PE**

KS3 and KS4 (Secondary) pupils are allowed to bring their PE kit and change in school with appropriate sanitisation measures in place.

KS1/2 pupils (Primary) will only be required to change their shoes. Please send a pair of trainers to be kept in school.



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## Face coverings

The Department of Education's latest advice is that wearing face coverings in corridors and other communal areas is strongly recommended for pupils and staff in Key Stages 3 and 4 (Secondary School). However, this is a recommendation and it is not compulsory at present.

## Parentmail App/ Payments

We are hoping that Parentmail app for payments will be set up soon. Meantime, we will continue with the same methods of payments etc. Please ensure that you sent in exact amount of money in order to reduce the exchanges between home and school. We will let you know as soon as the Parentmail app is up and running.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards,

Ioannis Skarmoutsos (Principal, Longstone School)