



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks we have become increasingly concerned that the Covid-19 measures we have put in place for drop off and pick up are not being followed as ardently as they were at the start of term.

The number of Covid-19 cases is on the rise nationally and locally so, in order to keep all pupils, families and staff safe we must insist that the following measures are strictly adhered to when on the school site:

- **Maintain a 2m distance from members of other households**, including on Harriers View.
- **Aim to arrive on time**: we are only flexing our times as we can see large gatherings at the gates and so we bring our times forward to try to ease this.
- **Only one adult to drop off or collect**, per household.
- **Do not block pathways** around the site or the site entrances, and do not let children climb on the railings while they wait to come in.
- **Keep your own children near you**, especially when waiting to collect siblings.
- **Leave the site as soon as possible**, do not wait for friends.
- **When leaving the site use the main car park exit only** even if the other exits look clear, as you cannot see who is coming onto site.

If possible, please walk or cycle to school. If you must drive, we also ask that you park your car legally and safely. We have an agreement in place so you are allowed to park at the Horton Tennis Club and walk to school, it only takes 7 minutes (we've timed it) and you get exercise and fresh air into the bargain! Also, if you have the Street Tag app, there are lots of tags to collect in the Easington Rec! Unfortunately, we have had reports and seen for ourselves some terrible driving and parking on the Bloxham Road; this is damaging the reputation of the school and it is only a matter of time before someone is injured. It is illegal to park with all four wheels on the pavement or on the yellow chevrons.

I am sorry to end the week on a negative note. Your children have been absolutely fantastic in school and are following all the measure we have in place, even when it means they cannot play with their friends. If we do not adhere to the above measures, then all of the efforts of the children and staff to stay safe in school will be for nothing and will lead to positive cases in school, which will in turn result in classes or year groups being sent home – as has unfortunately happened this week at two other local schools. We obviously do not want this, nor do we want to introduce the wearing of masks on site, but we are seriously considering this as our next step.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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