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Dear Parents,

We continue to adapt to the changing guidance regarding COVID-19. We have reduced the size of the bubbles this week and teachers continue to use PPE when working at close quarters with your child. The children have been absolutely fantastic in school, sticking to the rules, keeping in their own playground zones, using their own equipment in class. We could not be happier with them, so well done!

The start of the school day is running very smoothly due to gates being opened from 8.30am to 8.55am. However, it would be so helpful if you could avoid congregating at the main gate before it is open. We have found that children are rushing in and bubbles are being breached before the start of the school day. Please encourage and model social distancing between the children. Thank you parents for continuing to drop children off and going straight away rather than waiting. This is very helpful.

#### Pick up at the end of the day

At the end of the day please leave the playground as quickly as possible. May we remind you that only **one adult** per family should enter the school grounds at collection time and again, please can you model and encourage social distancing between the children when leaving the school premises.

#### Congestion/Parking

We have had an increasing number of complaints about the congestion / dangerous stopping and waiting in Elsenham Crescent and Stublands this week and, sadly, reports of abusive behaviour between our parents and our neighbours. Several cars were parked on the pavement in Elsenham Crescent completely blocking it on Thursday evening. Adults with small children were unable to use the path and had to walk in the road. The school's location in a small residential crescent does mean a restriction on safe places to park, but all parents knew about this when you applied for your child to attend this school. To keep every child in the school safe and to maintain good relationships with our neighbours, we again remind you to park / stop and drop safely, **not on yellow lines, not on bends, not across parked cars or drives**. Yesterday somebody double parked in Stublands across cars legally and safely parked in bays. A neighbour had to wait for 15 minutes until their car was unblocked and was subsequently late in collecting their own daughter from school. This is unfair.

A good deal of senior leadership time is being used dealing with issues surrounding parking / stopping which is time not being devoted to your children. Please remember that you have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school and lack of consideration for others and abusive behaviour does not align with the school's ethos and the home/school agreement which you signed.

When some parents were asked to move on by school staff this morning, they said they were not parked but were only dropping off. This is unacceptable. All stopping should be in a safe place as outlined above.

#### Code of Conduct

The Christus Trust have issued a code of conduct which pertains to all members of the school community. This was sent out yesterday via email but is also available for you to read on the school website in the newsletters and the Trust sections.

#### Flu Immunisation

There has been a change to the date of the immunisations. This will now take place on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a good weekend with your family.

Mrs Cashell