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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for bearing with us through what seems to have been a very busy week and, for the parents of the children in 1W, thank you for your patience through the closing and re-opening of the 1W class bubble. It is always, however, better to be safe in these situations and to err on the side of caution. At the end of the second week of the whole school being back, our impression is that overall the children are happy, settled and pleased to be here.

The timings for dropping off and picking up seem to be generally working well, with an occasional issue in the afternoon between 2.50 and 3.00. When the number of parents in the playground starts to build, you may be asked to queue for short periods of time before you enter. Thank you for being patient with this. Here is a reminder of the times for the school day:

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>8.30am - 3.15pm (for those with full-time places)</b>
<b>Reception, Year 1 and Year 2</b>	<b>8.45am - 2.45pm</b>
<b>Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6</b>	<b>9.00am - 3.00pm</b>

We have also noticed a recent increase in parents/ carers not wearing masks whilst on the school premises and would like to politely request that you wear a face covering whilst in the playground unless you are exempt from having to do so. This is purely to keep everyone as safe as they can possibly be during the busy periods at the beginning and end of the school day.

As you know, parking continues to be an issue around school and we have received further complaints from local residents linked to dangerous parking. Bradford Council's enforcement officers will continue to issue **fixed penalty fines to parents using this road in contravention of the 'residents only' restriction** and action will also be **'taken regarding obstruction and other offences.'** Similarly, please do not park on any double yellow lines around the area.

Before and after school clubs are running well and we know that the children are really enjoying being able to take part in these again. The after school clubs are due to change again soon after Easter, so we will be sending a letter about the new options later today. Our after school offer this time is arguably the best we have had yet, with a wide range of clubs available, so do look out the club letter which will be sent via Ping this afternoon.



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On a very different note, I would like to mention that the parent consultation materials for our relationship and sex education curriculum are now available on our website for you to have a look at should you wish to do so. A letter will be sent out on Monday explaining what to do should you want to offer your opinion or feedback on the subject. (Link to website - <https://lowash.bradford.sch.uk/rse-consultation/> )

We have pencilled in the postponed Parent Consultation Evening from last half term for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. This will take place virtually as we still cannot have parents in school at this time. You will receive more details about this and how to book appointments in due course, but thought it useful to let you have the date now so that you know it is coming up soon.

After Easter, we will be launching our Walk to School initiative, which we hope will make a big difference to the number of cars parking in the immediate area. The idea is that the children are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school at least once a week, with the option to park a minimum of 10 minutes' walk away and to walk, cycle or scoot in from there. The children who manage this at least once a week for a calendar month will receive a small reward in school. There will be a discussion about this with the children in assembly on Monday, but we wanted you to know about it beforehand.

We are also hoping to put a bid in to a local charity for funding to build a bike/ scooter shelter which will help in the future with practicalities about where to leave the bike or scooter for the day.

Thank you for your continued support in all we do and for your help in making it possible to open Low Ash to all children in a safe and positive way.

If you have any further questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Although we still cannot at this moment have parents entering the school building, all our staff will always be available for a chat on the phone or for a quick word outside if you need to speak to them.

We wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely

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