

## Stanfield Merchant Taylors' School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

It is with most importance that I am writing to you to ask you to please respect social distancing government regulations during drop off and pick up times and to try to keep at least 2 metres away from people you do not live with. Social distancing is essential to stop the spread of COVID-19, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus even if they do not have any symptoms, through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing.

From Monday 14 September, when meeting friends and family you do not live with you must not meet in a group of more than 6, indoors or outdoors.

From today it is against the law to meet people you do not live with in a group larger than 6 (unless you are meeting as a household or support bubble). The police will have the powers to enforce these legal limits, including to issue fines (fixed penalty notice) of £100, doubling for further breaches up to a maximum of £3,200.

This morning we have spoken with the police regarding drop off and pick up and how to ensure that the school community are safe. Parents are required to 'drop / pick up and go', rather than gathering on the pavement and if you are waiting for siblings please adhere to social distancing. We have shortened the timings for drop off and pick up to allow the children into school more quickly and to reduce the time spent by parents who have more than one child waiting on the pavement. In order to comply with the government guidance for schools the staggered drop off and pick up timings are to enable us to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus by keeping year group bubbles separate. Please can I ask you to arrive in the window of time of your child's drop off or pick up and adhere to the new social distancing government regulations that have come into effect today. I ask that you 'drop and go' and 'pick up and go'. The police will be routinely checking that the guidance is being adhered to by parents and staff will be asking you to keep the pavement clear. To support with this the pavement will be marked at 2m distance spacing at the main Stanfield site and anyone who does not adhere to social distancing may be allocated a later slot to ensure that other families are not affected.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Lynan  
Headmistress