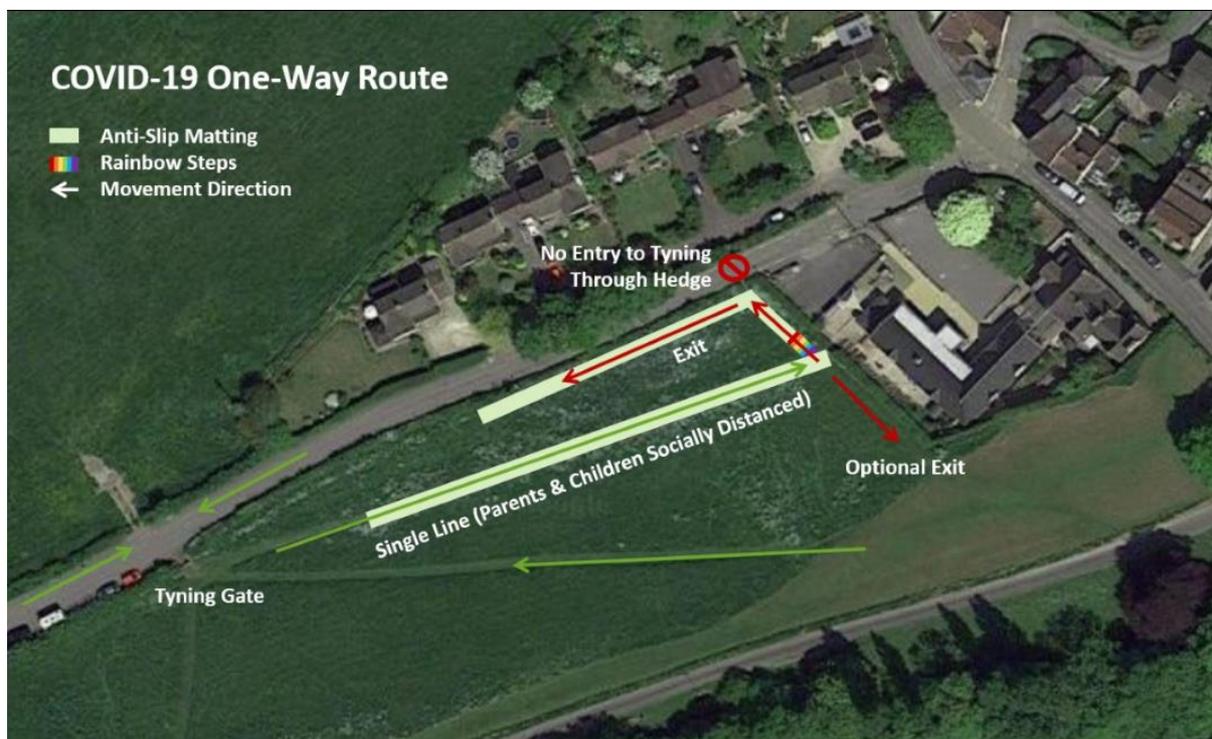


One-Way System for drop off and pick-up from the Tynning.

Children and adults alike have been visibly and audibly 'No more mud!', 'I love the green carpet that you've rolled out for me.', 'This is a new golden era!', etc. delighted by the work that has been completed this weekend by a fabulous team of parent volunteers.

The work has been designed to facilitate a **one-way drop off and pick-up system** to make the maintenance of social distancing easier -please see the diagram below.



In order to reduce mingling and congestion at the school entrance, we request that all families line up on the 'Single Line' matting (green arrow -see above) adhering to safe social distancing where possible - we recommend wearing a face covering if this is not possible. We request that only one family at a time should approach the gate before either going down the rainbow steps and back along the lower matting (red arrow) on the inside of the hedge, or (if physically able and equipped with appropriate footwear) exit up the Tynning.

Please do not use the hole in hedge on Freshford Lane as an access point during the children's pick-up and drop-off time. It presents a high level of risk to children EXITING as it opens directly onto the road without any barrier, uneven ground underfoot and with restricted visibility. Today I heard an alarming report of a couple of unaccompanied children running directly into the road!

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ENTERING this area was not approved for steps and entering by it could compromise the effectiveness of the one-way system for social distancing.

In summary, please do your bit and help keep our school open by:

1. Adhering to 2m social distancing wherever possible: If not able to, then adults are advised to wear a face covering.
2. Ensuring swift transfers of children to their teacher at the gate, avoiding social communications within the proximity of the school gate.
3. If waiting for siblings at drop off or pick up, please do so in their respective lines, distanced appropriately.
4. Asking children not to play or run in the mud. Be sensible and wear wellies!
5. Following the one-way system for approach and departure from the Tying gate, in addition to walking on the matting, where present.

I wish to extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of our school community to: Annabel Menheneott and Ben Batchelor-Wylam, Ed and Jo Elias, Amy McCullough, Ian Dougal, James Whitehead, Martin Whitbread, Lucy and Tim Redman, Alison and Stuart Sellers, Sam and Sarah Perry, Paddy Craig, Dudley Hinton and Emily Pennant-Rea, whose vision, planning, extended negotiations and Stakhanovite mat laying and rainbow steps building efforts this weekend have transformed the access to the school from the Tying, leaving us surer of foot and enabling us to further limit the risk of exposure between families at drop off and pick up.

I also wish to extend a big thank you to John Adler and the Parish Council for their public support of the school's use of the Tying at the time of the partial return to school back in June and for working closely with Annabel, Jo and the school in developing a workable way forward that is acceptable to all in these remarkable times.

To keep us moving forward in health as a community, please keep us informed of any problems you encounter and the solutions that you think might resolve them.

Thank you for all your continued support and patience in making the very best of the current opportunities and challenges.

Best wishes,

Andrew

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