



Letter No: 012

21st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Information for Reception Parents

Firstly, can I say what a delight it was to be able to welcome your sons and daughters this morning. It was lovely to see so many smiley faces, for their first day of school. You should feel proud of them as they did great. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the dropping off and picking up times; we did anticipate that there would be some congestion, only to be expected under the current circumstances and with new parents and children. Hopefully by the time you read this letter, the new Reception playground extension will be completed and ready to use, which should ease things considerably.

Please can I remind you of the start and finish times going forwards, along with the arrangements for dropping off and picking up your child, now that the playground extension has been completed.

Week commencing: **21st September** – Start time **9am** / Finish time **11.30am (for the whole week)**
28th September – Start time **9am** / Finish time **12.30am (for the whole week)**
5th October – Start time **9am** / Finish time **2.30pm (going forward)**

Please note that when your child commences doing full days from October 5th, they will finish at 2.30pm. This is to try to ease congestion with the number of parents on the school site at any one time. We will of course review this on a half termly basis and keep you informed in advance of any changes.

What route will you need to take to drop off and pick up your child

Drop offs – You will enter the school ideally at 08.55am via the blue side gate and follow the same route as the other year groups, round the outside of the main school building, past the new hall. Your child's teacher will be waiting on the back playground just as they did this morning. We request that parents don't wait with their child from tomorrow please.

Pick ups - The blue side gate will be opened at **2.25pm for Reception parents only**, who will do the shortened inner loop past the main office to the inner blue gates near the Reception block, just as you did today. From that point we will be operating a one-way system for you to pick up your child. There will be members of staff there to guide you. You will then be directed on to the new Reception playground where you will be able to collect your child. Unfortunately, at this point you will not be able to speak to your child's teacher as it will cause too much of a blockage. If you have any concerns, please call the office and leave a message; the class teacher will give you a phone call after school.

Implications of the infection rate rising

As I am sure you will have heard on the news, the infection rate is rising. Please can I therefore urge you to **respect social distancing whilst on the school premises** and I would also suggest as an additional precaution, **the wearing of face masks**. At this stage we are not saying that parents have to wear a face mask but if social distancing doesn't improve we may have to.

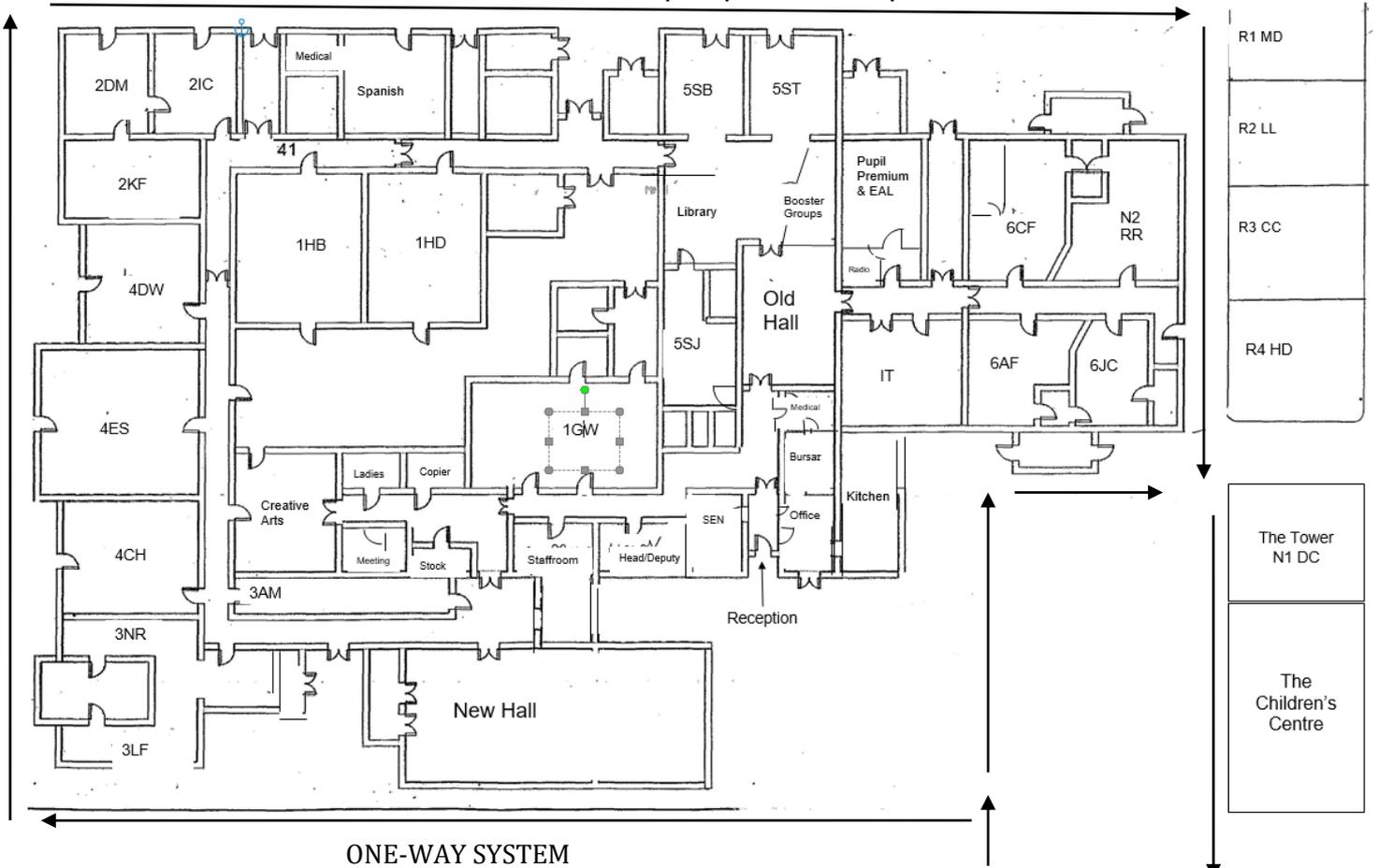
Please get in contact via the school office receptionist@belmontcastleacademy.org if you require any further information or would like to speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your help, support and co-operation during this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Jones
Principal

Drop off point for Reception children



ONE-WAY SYSTEM

The **inner** one-way system is pick up at 2.30am

The **longer route** is for dropping off in the morning

<p>Left pedestrian gate Entrance only</p>	<p>BLUE GATES</p>	<p>Right pedestrian gate Exit only</p>
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