

28/09/20

Change to Start and End of Day

To all parents and carers,

September 2020 has been an interesting start to the term! One which I am sure we will not forget in a hurry. It has been the start of a year of many changes, new routines, trying to respond to ever changing government guidance and a month where we have needed to support each other more than ever.

As the weather turns colder and COVID cases continue to rise, we continue to reassess what is happening in school and have decided to bring in some changes that will take effect from **Tuesday 29th September.**

Starting times will remain the same:

Year 5/6 - 8.40am

Year 3/4 - 8.50am

Year 1/2 - 9.00am

Reception - 9.10am

Finishing times will change to:

Year 5/6 - 3.00

Year 3/4 - 3.15

Year 1/2 - 3.25

Reception - 3.35

The 3.10pm collection for year 3/4 was becoming increasingly dangerous with bikes and quite large groups of people using the pavements at the same time, hence the change of end of day time for some year groups.

If you are still finding it busy by the gate at 3.15pm, please come slightly later in the time slot. Please remember that Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 parents can also use the bottom playground via the MUGA. If we change the times very drastically, reception will be going home in the dark!

Change to arrangements if dropping off or collecting more than one child

The start of the day works well but we are aware that the weather is getting colder and for some of our very young children (and parents/carers!) it could be a long, cold, wet wait.

We would like younger siblings to come through the gate with their older siblings who will take them straight to class. There will be teachers/TAs to help get the children to the right place. Younger siblings will then be able to wait with a TA/teacher in their own classrooms for their day to start.

The trim trail at the end of the day seems to get busier and more dangerous with bubbles of children mixing, children climbing on equipment and much less capacity to be able to socially distance.

At the end of the day, younger siblings will be collected from their classrooms by their older sibling, and will meet their parents to go straight home rather than wait in the trim trail. If your eldest child is an infant, staff will collect and bring both children out to you at the gate. If you have a child in the juniors (Year 3, 4, 5, 6) who collects a sibling - you can still use the bottom playground. It may now mean that more of you can use the bottom playground to

alleviate the congestion on pavements when the High School are coming out. There will be staff around at the end of the day to make sure younger children are collected by an adult.

We are increasingly aware that now more than ever, we need to continue to keep ourselves, our children and our school community as safe as possible. If you are struggling with these timings/changes in the school day, please let us know so we can try and help to find a solution.

Many thanks

Mrs Nicholson