



Thursday 15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING END OF TERM AND BEGINNING OF AUTUMN TERM

End of Summer term

Please note our term ends for all pupils on **Tues 20th July** at the following earlier times, as previously advertised: **12.55pm for reception, 1.05pm for Years 1 and 2, and 1.10pm for Years 3-6.**

Beginning of Autumn term

Our new term begins on **Thurs 2nd Sept** for all year groups from Year 1 upwards, with children to arrive from when our gate opens at **8.30am.**

Times of School Day from September

From September, we will not be operating staggered times of beginning and end of the day, and reverting back to our original school times before the pandemic, as below:

School gates open **8.30am**; children arrive through the main gate, at the latest ready to begin their learning in class **by 8.45am**

At the end of the day, reception and Years 1 and 2 finish their day at **3pm**, with Years 3-6 finishing their day at **3.10pm**. All children will exit from the main gate at these times.

As part of our high expectations for learning, please continue to note that attendance at school and punctuality in the morning is essential in your child not missing any valuable learning time. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Please also be aware, according to DFE guidance for schools published next week, of the following changes from next term:

- It will no longer be necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').
- Schools and settings will only need to do contact tracing up to 18th July. From 19th July, close contacts will only be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

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- Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, parents, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas from September (as guidance currently states). It will no longer be mandatory that face coverings must be worn for drop off and pick up on our school site, though **we recommend that this may still be a good idea in crowded areas.**
- For many of you, we appreciate these changes will be warmly welcomed, whilst for others we appreciate there may be some anxiety around the changes. Please be assured that, in the event of any local outbreak, measures will be reintroduced if there were a number of cases locally or within the school and everything will continue to be kept under review.

We will continue to implement the following measures:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following all Public Health England advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Thank you again for all your support and understanding with our COVID-safe measures over these recent months, which has been invaluable.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

Mr R Austin and Miss H Beacham
Co-Heads of School