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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey regarding school start and finish times. We had an excellent response and I am pleased to say that the majority of the respondents were in support of the staggered start and finish to the school day.

I would like to confirm a few details for the return to school in September. The timings of the school day will be as follows:

Class	Start Time	Lessons Begin	Collection Time
Following induction, Nursery	Flexi entry to class 8.40am – 8.50am	8.50am	3.10pm
Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2	Flexi entry to class 8.40am – 8.50am	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 3, Year 3/4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Flexi entry to class 8.30am- 8.40am	8.40am	3pm

For parents entering the school from the front entrance on Queens Avenue we will continue to operate a one way system due to the narrow access. This means that you must turn right when you enter the school from the main front entrance and exit via the rear staff car park with the exception of Year 1 & Year 2 who may exit back up the steps back on to Queens Avenue. This has worked extremely well, as I am sure you will agree, especially for parents with pushchairs & congestion at the start and finish of the school day.

We will continue with the wearing of PE kits on PE days as the children have enjoyed longer lessons due to not having to spend time changing into and out of uniform. The PE uniform must be worn on these days. Please see the uniform policy below:

PE Kit

Blue t shirt with school logo
PE hoodie with school logo or school jumper/cardigan
Navy blue or black shorts
Navy blue or black joggers
Black pumps

Girls

School cardigan with Logo
School Tie
White shirt (**not** polo shirt/t shirt)
Grey skirt/pinafore
Grey school trousers (**not** stretch jersey)
Red & white gingham dress (summer months)
Grey/black/white socks or tights.
Black school shoes (no trainers or boots)

Boys

School jumper with logo
School Tie
White shirt (not polo/t shirt)
Grey trousers
Grey shorts (summer months)
Grey/Black socks
Black school shoes

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name. In the interests of Health and Safety, jewellery must not be worn. This includes earrings which are not permitted even if covered with a plaster.

Now that hairdressers are fully operational we will expect the following;

Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2). Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times using a bow or bobble in the school colours. Highlights/lowlights, bleaching or colouring of any kind are not permitted

I would like to thank you for your support over the last twelve months. Your compliance with the COVID restrictions has meant that things have run smoothly and our school community has been kept safe.

To reduce the risk of spreading any infections we will of course be continuing to ensure children follow good hygiene procedures, we will continue with regular cleaning around the school particularly frequently touched spots and we will continue to ensure there is good ventilation around the school.

Please could you take time to read the below government advice that will support you.

[Step 4 Update - What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools & colleges - Gov.co.uk](#)

We will be producing a new risk assessment over the summer and will send you a copy of this before you return.

Part of the plans do state that we could be asked to reintroduce measures if asked to do so by Public Health England.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours sincerely



Miss D Lee
Principal

