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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Changes to Start and Finish Times**

I am writing to inform you of some changes to our initial plans for return from closure, largely as a result of a change in government guidelines and the tightening of restrictions, but also in addition to feedback from parents, students and the local community.

Originally we changed the timings of the school day to offer staggered start and finish times to support the students in social distancing and not mixing outside of their bubble on the journey to and from school. We are changing this with effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September so that all students will now start school at the same time. Each cohort will still operate within their bubble.

We have designated different outdoor areas of the school site in a morning to each year group. This means all students can come onto the school site during the same time window and go to their designated area to be with their year group bubble. They must not go into an area designated for another year group. From their designated area, they will be met by their form tutor and accompanied into school via a designated entry point. This will ensure they remain separate from the other bubbles who are entering the school at the same time.

The school day will also end at the same time for all year groups allowing students to leave in an orderly fashion, to meet with siblings and walk home within their families. Students will exit through an exit point designated to their bubble. Students should leave school straight away, unless they are attending the library on their designated night and go straight home. I would appreciate your support in reminding them of local and national guidelines regarding social gathering and social distancing whilst out in public.

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community, support students in remaining safe and secure and will have a positive effect on your child's education. The situation regarding Covid-19 is an ever changing one and we must respond to those changes as a school quickly and with the safety of our school family in mind.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements and thank you in advance for your support.



<b>School Day</b>	
School gates open	8:15 am
Line up of students in designated areas begins	8.20 am
School Starts	8:40 am
School Finishes	15:00 pm

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith  
Headteacher