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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**End of the term and new school year**

As I am sure you are aware the restrictions nationally are likely to be lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The current advice is that for the final three days of term schools can continue to run under their existing Covid operational measures. Therefore, the school drop off, collection, bubbles and face covering rules will remain in place until the end of term. We thank you for your support in this matter.

During the summer holiday, and as more detailed guidance for schools emerges we will update you with our plans, however, we wanted to communicate changes with you as early as possible to aid you in your planning.

It is our intention that from the start of the new school year, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, the school drop off times will be 8:35-8:50am for all year groups, entering through the gun park gate. We will still encourage the children to be independent and say goodbye before coming through the school gate, although we appreciate for younger children and on some occasions for older children parents and carers may need to speak to a member of staff at the classroom door. We will continue to use class dojo to support communication between home and school. Collection will be at 3:25pm, parents and carers may come onto the playground to collect their children.

I know that the easing of restrictions will fill children and adults alike with mixed emotions, excitement for 'normality' but perhaps too some apprehension about increasing contacts. We will therefore be mindful of this as we plan how we are moving forward in September, alongside any further guidance or support we are given.

Thank you for your understanding and support throughout the pandemic and as we hopefully move forward to more normality into the new school year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SMOSS".

Sarah Moss  
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