



9th September 2021

School Gate Opening Times

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your feedback regarding the opening times of the school gates, it is very much appreciated.

We are, as we always do, following Government guidelines. We are now no longer having to operate under Covid restrictions and we are to go back, to our normal routines and times. As you can all imagine, we are trying to remember our routines from 2 years ago and get back to some kind of new normal!

However, as we are no longer staggering our start and finish times, we are aware that larger numbers of parents/carers and children are now arriving at the same time and this has caused congestion and worry.

Therefore, we have made the decision to open the gates at 8.30am. **But** you must be mindful that our school staff will not supervise the playground until 8.45am. Children must not play on the equipment before or after school. At 8.45am the doors will open and the children will be able to come into school, as I explained on the return to school letter.

We will then open the gates as close to 3.15pm as we can. However, this will depend on the day, on activities and on the pupil's learning taking place there. I am sure you will understand that we are unable to open the gates earlier, when the children are taking part in lessons, as their safety is paramount.

By following this new procedure, hopefully this will enable parents/carers and children to wait in the open area of the playground, causing less congestion on Dean Street and the surrounding area. Parents with prams or children in Y3 are also invited to use the top entrance on to the KS2 playground too, hopefully this will all help to prevent congestion.

Just as a reminder, we also provide a before school club, whereby children can be brought to the main reception entrance at 8.20am until register time, to be cared for in a safe environment, for a cost of £2.00 per session.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to talk to me on the yard or contact the school office on 01282 86542 or via email bursar@trawden.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely
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