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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has now been almost six weeks since we welcomed children back to school. We are so pleased that it has been such a positive return despite the challenges that the pandemic presents.

We are continuing to review the arrangements we have in place in school to keep children safe, well and learning successfully. Although school life has had to change significantly, school continues to act innovatively to enable children to experience and enjoy a well-rounded day even with the restrictions.

As you are aware, one of the main changes we had to implement was staggered starts and ends to the school day. When planning this we also had to take into account the timings of our Infant and Secondary schools. Since September, our school day begins from 8:15am. This additional time has proven highly effective in supporting our recovery curriculum. This earlier, staggered start has also presented a far calmer start to the school day with children being greeted into school and supported even more closely. Positively, this has seen an increase in learning time of up to 70 minutes a day, which equates to an additional day of learning during a single school week.

As we progress further into the academic year, it is important we continue to consider the impact the new normal is having on our school community and the demands being placed on our children and staff. With this in mind, our governing board have approved the implementation of an earlier finish time on Fridays, beginning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This will allow children time to stay fit and well, staff to respond to remote learning and prepare for the following week and the school building to be deep cleaned thoroughly.

From the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, school will close to children after lunch on Fridays.

Year Group	Start	End (Monday to Thursday)	End (Friday)
Year 3	8:30am	3:10pm	12:15pm
Year 4	8:25am	3:15pm	12:20pm
Year 5	8:20am	3:20pm	12:25pm
Year 6	8:15am	3:25pm	12:30pm

Please note, on Fridays we will continue to supervise younger siblings in the car park as they wait for their older siblings to finish school. Year 3 parents are welcome to collect their child from the school yard. The gate will open at 12:10pm on Fridays.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we navigate our way through these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs Gaymond  
 Headteacher



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