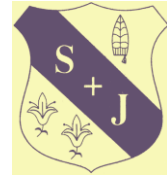




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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year! I am sure you have all had a wonderful time with your families, despite the typical English summer weather, and I hope you are all as excited as I am for the children returning in September. Following the government guidelines, I would like to update you to the changes that you will find when returning to school. I am very aware that COVID numbers are on the raise again and further restrictions may need to be put in place in the future but I do feel positive that we are moving in the right direction to get back to how school was before the pandemic.

As you are all aware mask wearing is no longer mandatory but please feel free to wear masks around school if you wish. We do also ask you to be respectful of others and still ensure that we space out where possible and do not overcrowd areas. In light of this we feel that having a slight change to some pick up times will alleviate the congestion in small areas at hometime. Also, please continue in communicating with teachers and school through phonecalls and emails to the school office.

Start Time

From September we will return to the 8:50 start for all classes - please be aware that all classroom doors will open at 8:40 and children can start to arrive to school and go straight to class from this time. The doors will close promptly at 8:50 and children arriving after this time must go through the office to be registered.

Finish Time

To help alleviate the amount of parents in small areas we will continue with staggered finishes but will only have 2 from September:

3:10 for children in Y2, Y5 & Y6

3:15 for children in Reception, Y1, Y3 & Y4

I am sure everyone can understand and will support us in trying to limit people being in close contact as we try to return to 'normal'. This will be reviewed after 2 weeks and any changes will be communicated as quickly as possible. KS1 parents please stay on the playground and do not go to the classroom doors the children will be brought to you. KS2 parents please wait in the car park area.

PE

The children can continue to come into school on their PE days in their PE kits. Please see below for your child's PE days.

Monday	Friday
Reception	Year 1
Year 1	Year 2
Year 2	Year 3
Year 4	Year 5
Year 6	

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day as the water fountains in school are still out of use.

Pencil Cases

Children do not need to bring pencil cases into school all stationery will be provided.

I hope that this letter has answered some of the questions that you may have had about the new school year and have allayed some worries. We will continue to ensure that hygiene is a priority and all classrooms will be ventilated. Please follow the public health guidance for children showing symptoms of a cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell, which states children must be kept off school and taken for a PCR test before returning.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 2nd September.

Yours Faithfully

Ms McIlroy

