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15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Arrangements for September 2021**

I am writing to you all to share our thoughts on how we anticipate our school will run from September 2021.

Despite the government stating there will be no restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July, for the last week of term commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July, in line with local public health advice, we will remain in class bubbles, with all the risk assessment procedures that have been in place for the past year continuing until we break up.

From September 2021, we are hoping that we will be able to stop having the bubble system in place; this will mean that it will no longer be necessary to have a staggered start and finish time for the school day.

However, over the past year, we have found some of the changes that we have had to put in place have been of benefit. We found that the children coming into the cloakrooms at the beginning of the day, without having lined up in the playground first, made the cloakrooms much less crowded and easier to manage. For this reason, we intend to allow children to enter school between 8.45 am and 8.55 am. Doors will close at 8.55 am; after this time children will need to enter the school via the School Office and they will receive a late mark.

We propose that from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, the end of the school day will be at 3.20 pm rather than, as it was prior to lockdown, at 3.30 pm. We have found that staggering lunch times and reducing the lunch break time, as we have done whilst restrictions have been in place, has had a positive impact on the children. We will start this from November, rather than September 2021, in order to give parents the chance to make appropriate arrangements for childcare.

We hope to be able to hold Meet & Greets and Parents' Evenings in person later this year, with the option of joining remotely for those who prefer, as we are aware that many people found this useful.

The guidance we have received is that should the local area be made an enhanced response area, or there is an outbreak in the school, it may be necessary for us to go back to the bubble system, with staggered start and finish times; if this is the case, we will inform you as soon as we are able. As we are given further guidance, as restrictions are lifted, which affects the running of the school, we will let you know. We may be writing out to you during the summer holidays should you need to know before September.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher