



## UPDATE: Staggered Start & End to the School Day: September 2020

You will be aware that following guidance to schools from the DFE we will be following a staggered start & exit system to ensure the safety of the children & yourselves. Getting children into our school is a huge challenge & one that most other schools won't face in terms of 2 large schools needing access, a very narrow path & a very busy road! We recognize this is far from ideal for you or for us (with children entering at different times) and our staff also having the same childcare issues, however, I'm sure we will all pull together to make it work. There is no perfect system but having liaised with Park View and considered the pros and cons of all the options, we have decided upon the following entry system:

- **If you have 1 child & they are in Y1: 8.40-8.50**
- **If you have 1 child & they are in Y2: 8.50-9am**
- **If you have children in both KS1 (Y1 or Y2) & KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6): 9.05 – 9.15am (this is so families can come at the same time)**
- **If you have a child/children in KS2 only: 9.15am – 9.25**
- **Reception: 9.35am weeks 1 & 2 (8.40 – 9am once settled)**

To make this work, it is vital that you bring your child in the designated slot and not before. Our priorities are to get the children in and out of school safely & ensure that their education in terms of teaching time is unchanged & not shortened by the staggered system.

### Accessing School

Please ensure that your child enters school following social distancing regulations. Members of staff will be positioned to guide your child into school safely. Please ensure that your child crosses the road at the zebra crossing. All of the children will enter school through the **middle gate**. Please follow a one-way system and avoid walking back along the path towards the children coming into school. Outdoor hand sanitizers have been purchased so all children will clean their hands on the way into school.

### Shortened Lunchtimes

The **lunchtimes will be shortened** to ensure that all the children have the **same amount of curriculum 'taught' time as they do now**. Also, all the children require a staggered lunchtime so they need to be shorter to accommodate this. The children will eat their lunch in their classroom as it is impossible to get 14 separate 'bubbles' through dinner using the main hall as it would literally take all day!

### Exiting School

Once you have collected your child, or if you are waiting for another child, please exit the waiting area opposite the church so it does not become too congested to observe social distancing regulations.

- **Reception children to leave via the main entrance (next to office) at 2.50pm.**
- **2.55pm - Y1 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**
- **3.00pm – Y2 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**
- **3.05pm – Y3 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**
- **3.10pm – Y4 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**
- **3.15pm – Y5 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**
- **3.20pm – Y6 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)**

I will update you further on other issues as we continue to work through the guidance as it comes in and complete a detailed risk assessment– this is taking some time as you can imagine! However, we felt it important to get this part of the information out to you first to allow you time to make your arrangements for September. We have contacted the council & parking permits will run to cover the extended times.

Thank you for your anticipated support,  
*L. Gowland/N. Bentham*