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## Proposed changes to school timetable – June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the May half term, I wish to share some updates, which will be implemented across the school after May half term. With the continued easing of COVID restrictions school has been following the latest Welsh Government guidance regarding how we can start working towards a return to school life similar to a level of normality seen before the COVID pandemic began. Therefore, following discussions with the governing body we will be implementing the following changes from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

### School start and finish time

Since the return of schools, one of the biggest changes to school life has been a staggered, start and finish time. After the holidays we will be piloting the return of one start and finish time for **all** pupils. This will work with school returning to a start time of **08.55am** for **all** pupils. Pupils will continue to enter school through the current gates however, to help with easing traffic congestion. Each gate will be opened from **08.50am** to maximise the 'drop and go' system and to help with ongoing social distancing measures.

School will return to one finish time of **15.00pm** for all pupils. Therefore, we will be making a slight alteration to the pickup destination for Mrs Evans-Jones, with her class returning to being picked up from the Foundation Phase area as prior to the pandemic. A summary of each class is listed below –

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pick Up Point</u>	<u>Finish time</u>
Mrs J Jones – Reception / Year 1	No change	15.00pm
Mrs J Evans-Jones – Year 1/2	Foundation Phase area	15.00pm
Mrs T Humberstone – Year 3	No change	15.00pm
Miss S Burgin – Year 4/5	No change	15.00pm
Miss C Harris – Year 5/6	No change	15.00pm

**Please note – There will be no change to the Nursery finishing time and pick up system.**

For parents/guardians who have siblings in different classes/departments we will be keeping the current system of all family members leaving with the oldest sibling.

As we return to a whole school start time we continue to ask parents/guardians to make use of the breakfast club facility, which as previously communicated, is now open for **all** pupils to access. This option will allow us to continue to minimise the amount of traffic in and around the school at peak times along with stopping the need for parents/guardians to queue to drop off. Below is a reminder of the times for Breakfast club upon our return after half term –

- 08.00am – Breakfast club opens
- 08.00 – 08.30am – Paid session of £1.00 per pupil (open to all pupils)
- 08.30am – 08.45am – Free session (open to all pupils)
- 08.40am – Last serving of breakfast to pupils.

In addition to the return of a standalone start and finish time we will also be working on the following two points –

### **Return to school swimming**

In a separate letter sent out to the parents/guardians of pupils in year 5/6 we have been asked to support the return of offsite curriculum activities such as school swimming and day trips. This scheme will see pupils leave the school site for the first time in over 12 months but continues to show the commitment of all stakeholders in maximising the learning opportunities for pupils as quickly and safely as possible.

### **Transition arrangements**

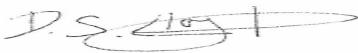
One of the areas which remains under debate is the plans for the transition of pupils into new settings, such as our new Nursery cohort, our current nursery cohort moving into Reception and our year 6 pupils who will be leaving for high school.

Whilst at this moment in time I cannot provide a definite answer on parents/guardians being able to come into school for transition meetings, the governing body and school staff have been working closely to create a transition plan for our current pupils to provide them with the best opportunities to start school back in September. As a result of discussions school will be holding a 2 week transition period between **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** where pupils will be working with their new class teacher and staff. Our current year 6 pupils will be working with Mrs J Jones on transition projects set by the high schools should they not be able to visit the schools directly.

More information about the transition project will be shared nearer the time, however a note in advance to our current nursery parents/guardians during this period (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July) we will be asking the pupils to stay in school until 12.00pm NOT the normal finish time of 11.25am.

Should you have any queries regarding the proposed changes to the timetable, staffing structure please speak to your class teacher directly, or contact me in school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Lloyd  
Headteacher