

24th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

At the start of this academic year we chose to implement a strict staggered start to the day and sealed bubbles in school in order to try and reduce contact between students and minimise the risk of infection in our school community. This has meant that for the majority of children, all lessons have been in the same area of the school, often in the same room and that access to some of our specialist facilities has been limited. It has also meant that many of you, with children in different year groups, have had to juggle working around four different sets of school hours. This is something that we recognise has been a challenge for students, families and staff alike.

Now that infection rates are significantly lower and in line with the relaxation of government guidelines, we have taken the decision to return to a more normal working pattern after the May half term. This will mean that all children, regardless of year group, will start and end the day at the same time. Children will remain in their bubbles, taught by the same staff and will continue to have break and lunch with their year group in a specified area at staggered times. All other control measures, such as the wearing of face masks on corridors, regular deep cleaning strict limits on who can visit site will remain in place.

All students will need to arrive to school for 08:25am, ready to line up and be escorted into the building. All lessons will finish at 15:00pm which we hope will allow us to begin to start offering more extra-curricular clubs and activities after school.

Please find an overview of the revised school day below:

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
Roll call	08:25	Roll call	08:25	Roll call	08:25	Roll call	08:25
Lesson 1	08:40	Lesson 1	08:40	Lesson 1	08:40	Lesson 1	08:40
Lesson 2	09:40	Lesson 2	09:40	Lesson 2	09:40	Lesson 2	09:40
Break (field)	10:40	Break (playground)	10:40	Break (top playground)	10:40	Break (canteen)	10:40
Lesson 3	11:00	Lesson 3	11:00	Lesson 3	11:00	Lesson 3	11:00
PSHE	12:00	Lunch	12:00	Lesson 4	12:00	Lesson 4	12:00
Lunch	12:30	PSHE	12:30	Lunch	13:00	PSHE	13:00
Lesson 4	13:00	Lesson 4	13:00	PSHE	13:30	Lunch	13:30
Lesson 5	14:00	Lesson 5	14:00	Lesson 5	14:00	Lesson 5	14:00
End of the day	15:00	End of the day	15:00	End of the day	15:00	End of the day	15:00

In order to safely manage the flow of students to and from site, the Watermeadow Gate will be open again from 7th June 2021 and students will need to enter school through their allocated entry point:

- Year 7 – will enter through the MUGA gates and line up for roll call on the MUGA as they do now.
- Year 8 – will line up for roll call on the netball courts at the front of school before entering site through the theatre doors.
- Year 9 – will enter site through the large gates next to the sports centre and line up for roll call on the Playground.
- Year 10 – will enter site through the theatre doors and line up for roll call on the top playground.

We will communicate the changes to the students this week, show them where their new entry points are and practice our new routines ready for our start back on 7th June 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ann Donaghy', written in black ink.

Ann Donaghy
Head Teacher