



Tuesday 9th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I extend a huge welcome back to you all from everyone at The Winterton Federation. It has been so lovely to see everyone back in our schools and I know from talking to both adults and children that the vast majority have welcomed a return to some form of normality. I would like to thank you all for adhering to our health and safety rules regarding face coverings, hand washing, social distancing and the one-way system through the school campus; this is very much appreciated.

We have been closely monitoring the start and end of the day to ensure that the procedures we have put in place are supporting our aim to keep everyone safe whilst on the school campus. Following several conversations with staff and parents, however, we do not feel we have got it quite right, as some areas are becoming quite congested at key times. Taking all of this into account, I have made the decision to alter some of the timings; apologies if this causes any initial inconvenience to anyone, but I am sure you will agree that everyone's safety is of paramount importance in this regard.

From tomorrow then, we shall be operating a 'soft start' approach for morning drop offs, in much the same way as we have at the Junior campus. This means that **all** classroom doors will be open from 8.45am every morning until 9am, with staff on hand to welcome your child into their classroom. You have the flexibility therefore, to bring your child to school at any point during this 15minute period and drop them off swiftly at their classroom. Your child will go straight through to their classroom ready for registration at 9am and you will be free to continue around the one-way system, in a fluid manner. We are hopeful that this will prevent the build-up of adults and children waiting around the school campus for an allotted start time.

Additionally, to ensure we also minimise the amount of adults and children on the school campus at any one time at home time and to support social distancing as far as is practicable, we shall continue to stagger pupil collection times at the end of the day; amended timings are listed below:-

End of day collection times

Nursery pupils	to be collected at 3.20pm
Reception pupils	to be collected at 3pm
Year 1 pupils	to be collected 3.10pm
Year 2 pupils	to be collected 3.20pm

Apologies once again for making changes so early on; hopefully this will address the issues we have encountered so far in our return to school for everyone – we will of course also monitor these changes for their effectiveness. If I may make one final plea and that is to ask that only one adult per family drops off and collects your child/children – once again to minimise the number of adults around the school campus at these key times. Thank you in advance for your much-appreciated support and patience.

With kind regards,

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