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Dear Parent/Carers,

As a school we believe that it is essential to develop positive relationships with parents. When parents are actively engaged in their child's education, pupils tend to have better attendance, improved behaviour, and higher academic achievement. Consequently as part of morning routines we welcome parents into classrooms as part of "drop off" which enables parents to communicate with staff as well as having an insight into their child's education. The following year groups open and close their doors at the following times before school officially starts:

	Doors open to parents / carers (or adults) and children	Doors close to parents / carers (or adults)	Official school start time for children
2 year old provision	9am	9.10am	9.10am
Nursery / Foundation Stage 1 (FS1)	8.40am	8.50am	8.50am
Reception / Foundation Stage 2 (FS2)	8.40am	8.50am	8.50am
Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am	8.50am	8.50am

From Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 onwards should parents, or the adult responsible for school drop off, opt to bring their child to school between 8.40am and 8.50am (Nursery / FS1, Reception / FS2 or Year 1 Year 2) they will be required to stay with their child until 8.50am when the bell goes to signal the start of the school day. The same applies for parents whose child(ren) attends 2 year old provision but they are required to stay between 9am – 9.10am and then when the bell goes at 9.10am parents are able to depart.

The benefits of a calm start to the day are felt by all. Most importantly, our children are more relaxed, happy and ready to learn. With this in mind please note that any

children in 2 year old provision, Nursery / FS1 and Reception / FS2 will no longer be accessing provision until the official school start time once their adult has departed. Please also note for adults that opt to bring their child into the classroom before the official school start time, if the adult and child are accompanied by any siblings then the sibling(s) are required to stay with the adult whilst morning activities are being completed. Please ensure that siblings do not access the provision. Provision has been set up so that children make a strong and successful start to their learning once adults have departed. Children will need to sit with their adult completing the below activities for the duration of the morning routine until school officially starts:

	Morning activity that the parent / carer (or adult) completes with their child	Official school start time for children
2 year old provision	9am - 9.10am Parent / carer (or adult) reads a story to their child.	9.10am
Nursery / Foundation Stage 1 (FS1)	8.40am - 8.50am Parent / carer (or adult): 1) Reads a story to their child. 2) Supports their child to practice writing the child's name	8.50am
Reception / Foundation Stage 2 (FS2)	8.40am - 8.50am Parent / carer (or adult): 1) Reads a story to their child. 2) Supports their child to practice writing the child's name 3) Listens to their child read a phonetically decodable book (please note that this activity will be introduced to morning activities as the academic year progress)	8.50am
Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am - 8.50am Parent / carer (or adult): 1) Supports their child to complete the morning job on the interactive whiteboard 2) Listens to their child read a phonetically decodable book 3) Reads a story to their child.	8.50am

The rationale behind the above activities is not only to promote positive relationships with parents and to ensure children benefit from a calm start to the day but it is also research informed. Research has shown that the single most important thing that a parent can do to help their child acquire language, prepare their child for school, and instil a love of learning in their child, is to read with them. Reading helps create a stronger parent/child relationship, basic speech skills, the basics of how to read a book, improved communication skills, increased logical thinking skills, exposure to

new experiences, enhanced concentration and discipline, and the knowledge that reading is fun to name but a few!

School understands that the needs of every child varies. For many children arriving promptly at 8.40am (Nursery / FS1, Reception / FS2 or Year 1 Year 2) or 9am (2 year old provision) supports them with having a successful start to their school day. However this is not always the case for all children. Some children can find the busyness of adults and children arriving at the same time challenging and therefore school wishes to remind parents that adults and children do not have to arrive as soon as classroom doors open. Likewise the busyness of the classroom for some children can be overwhelming and therefore arriving at 8.50am (Nursery / FS1, Reception / FS2 or Year 1 Year 2) or 9.10am (2 year old provision) may be more beneficial for your child. Similarly if the adult completing the morning activities has a child and a sibling and the sibling finds it challenging to stay with the adult for the duration of the completion of the activities then it may also be more beneficial for them to arrive at 8.50am (Nursery / FS1, Reception / FS2 or Year 1 Year 2) or 9.10am (2 year old provision).

Thank you for your understanding and support with the amended morning routines.

Yours sincerely,



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