

6th November 2020
Dear Parents/Carers,

1. **Boiler situation**

A representative of the Local Authority has visited us today and we have decided that we shall keep the school open for as long as we can. We have heaters to support FS2, Y3 and Y4 which are located on the North side of the building – thus colder. The remaining of the school are located on the South side are warmer. We cannot have heaters everywhere due to load bearing; if we overload fuses, we risk these blowing. **Please note NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED until further notice. Remote Learning will be provided as from Monday.**

2. **New Times**

As per my information to you in the last newsletter (Autumn 1st half term 2020), following on from a full Governors' meeting yesterday (5th November, 2019), we will be changing our start and end times for the school day. This is due to the following reasons:

1. Persistent lack of social distancing from some parents/carers
2. Persistent lack of wearing of a face covering by some parents/carers (if you are medically exempt, we totally appreciate this and know you have documentation stating so)
3. Covid-19 cases raising locally and nationally
4. Our attempt to limit the number of people on our premises so we have only one 'bubble' per time slot on our premises plus parents/carers dropping off and picking up siblings
5. Pupils from the local secondary school using our premises as a short cut; to avoid this we need to aim to close our gates before their school closes.

As from Monday, 9 th November, this will be as follows:			On the 17 th December – last day of term:
Year Group/Bubble	Start Time	End Time	END TIME
Year 5/6	8.45am	2.15pm	1.30pm
Year 3/4	9.00am	2.30pm	1.45pm
Year 1/2	9.15am	2.45pm	2.00pm
FS2	9.00 am	2.30pm	1.45pm
FS1	No change to their current times when the boiler is fixed		No change to their time

With the exception of FS1 (Nursery), all children will be in school for the same amount of time - 5hours 30minutes.

These challenging circumstances mean that we need to allow for some level of flexibility with how we operate and see what works best, so thank you in advance for your understanding. When we are back to our own 'normal', the original times will be back in place.

Only one family member must bring the child/children to school and pick-up. Please note that Governors have decided that those who breach this request will be issued with a warning letter initially. If this continues to happen after the warning letter, then a ban will be issued for the rest of the term.

3. **Parents meetings** will begin as from Monday 9th November as planned.

I sincerely thank those who have been supportive of the school and there have been many of you. I appreciate the above information will not please or suit everyone; what we have tried to do is the best that we can to keep us all safe and our school open.

Kindly note that the Governors decision is final.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Thorpe