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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our newsletter last week, I am writing to update you on changes to start and finish times.

Our staggered starts and finishes have worked very well throughout the challenging times we have faced over the past 2 years. I would like to thank you for your support and understanding around the need for these to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Starting next Thu 17th of February, when we return from our mid-term break, we will return to a 9a.m start and 3p.m finish for all classes.

Arrangements will be as follows:

Gates will open at 8:45a.m for children to come into school (*parents of younger children are asked to consider timing it for their children to arrive nearer to 9am because a 15 min wait can be a long time for the children in P1-3*). Parents are not required to enter the playground with children at this time. Staff will continue to be in the playground at the start of each day. Children should go straight to their class lines as they currently do and wait to access the school at 9a.m.

All classes will come out of school at 3p.m to go home. P1 and P2 parents may enter the playground as they do at the moment for picking up pupils. If possible, we ask that P3 parents now wait outside the gates in the pedestrian area for children to come out to you. Some P3 pupils are now also walking home with parental permission. If your child from P3 is going to be walking home, please let the class teachers know.

For the safety of everyone in our school and wider community, we ask that parents/carers continue to acknowledge social distancing and mask wearing when on school grounds at pick up and drop off times.

Should we notice an increase in Covid cases due to these changes, we may be required to revert to staggered times. I am hoping not though, and we can see this as a first small step back to a more normal school routine.

Have an enjoyable mid-term break everyone and we look forward to seeing the pupils back in school on 17th of February.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan