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Dear Parent/Guardian

During the period of a global pandemic, our school processes have changed significantly. Some have been difficult changes but others have been positive.

One thing that parents have reported to me that has been seen as a positive is the end of the school day.

During this period of a staggered finish we have noticed:

- A much safer, controlled release of pupils to parents – making sure that the school is compliant with all its safeguarding requirements.
- The flow and amount of adults on the yard. It's much easier to manage and monitor who is accessing the school yard and putting the safety of our children as a priority.
- Safely for all pedestrians! With less vehicles arriving at the school at the same time it has greatly improved the flow of traffic making crossing the roads in the area much safer for all pedestrians.
- Parking! Staggering the end of the school day frees up more parking spaces for parents.
- Building a better relationship with our neighbours, there is less congestion and noise.

The current changes of staggering the end of the school day are temporary. They were put in place to ensure social distancing requirements and the health of the community as a priority.

However, as a school we would like to *consult with you as parents* to making some changes to the end of the school day permanent as we head back to some form of normality.

This is the model we are proposing to change for the school year September 2021.

Proposed changes:

	Current Arrangements (under normal circumstances)	Proposed Arrangements September 2021
Foundation Phase Pupils - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2	School ends at 3.20pm	School ends at 3.05pm
Key Stage 2 - Years 3 to 6	School ends at 3.20pm	School ends at 3.20pm (no change)

Therefor the proposed arrangement **only affects Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and that their school day be reduced by 15 minutes.**

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How we plan to manage the changes for the Foundation Phase (FPh):

- 1) Pupils with siblings in Key stage 2 will have the option to be supervised by a member of staff until 3.20pm, if parents require it.
- 2) Children that will be going on the bus or going to afterschool club (or child minding if it is needed) will also be supervised by staff until 3.20pm
- 3) There will be **no decrease in teaching time**. In normal circumstances, FPh pupils would have 20 minutes playtime in the morning and afternoon. We propose that playtime be reduced by 5 minutes so that they have 15 minutes play time in the morning and afternoon. Pupils will also have 5 minutes less play time at lunch time. A total of 15 minutes.
- 4) Wellbeing and playing with their friends will still be an important part of the school day. The Foundation Phase pedagogy involves learning through play, therefore there will be no diminished opportunities for pupils to play with their friends.

The main purpose of this change is the safety and wellbeing of pupils and parents/carers and the wider community of the school.

I have to stress that the decision to change the end of the school day *will be entirely led by you as parents and the governors.*

Here is a link for you to have your say on the matter.

<https://forms.office.com/r/SFUfnrGYyf>

If there is enough support for this proposal, the school will host a live event (through TEAMS) where you will be able to chat with myself, the SLT and governors if you have any questions or comments.

I look forward to your response through the above link.

Yours sincerely,

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