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29-9-20

Dear Parent/ Carer/ Guardian,

As you are aware we reopened our school with FULL Teaching Days, five days per week at the start of this academic year. Although we had to implement staggered start times and collection times (as per Department of Education (DE) Guidance), the length of our child's day at school has not been altered in any way to date.

However, due to the rise in COVID 19 Infection Levels in the Strabane/Lifford Locality areas, we are now experiencing greater increases in the number of children who are needing to self isolate as a result of a positive COVID 19 case among their close family contacts or pupils may have to self isolate if their class bubble has to shut down due to a positive case in the class. This self isolation requirement is in line with Public Health Agency (PHA) Guidance.

If/When this happens, work will be provided for any child who has to self isolate as per Public Health Agency (PHA) guidance. A considerable length of time is needed in order to prepare work for individual pupils who find themselves self isolating and indeed in the event of the whole class needing work prepared.

To this end, we will now be altering the collection time for our pupils EVERY FRIDAY only. (See Revised times attached to this letter) Staff will remain in school during that time to prepare for Home Learning Requests.







We appreciate that this will cause an adjustment to Friday Collection Times. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but feel that this course of action is necessary for the foreseeable future to allow for five days per week face to face teaching and combining home learning activities as well. The new collection times will take effect on FRIDAY 16th October and every FRIDAY thereafter.

We will keep this arrangement under review.

We thank you for your continued support and patience as we seek to go forward together in these unprecedented, very challenging times.

Kind Regards

Mrs. B. Wilders Principal







Year Group	Drop off / Collection Point	Start Time	Finish Time (Monday – Thursday)	Finish Time (FRIDAYS ONLY)
Nursery Room 1	Nursery Room 1 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm	1pm
Nursery Room 2	Nursery Room 2External Door	9am-9.30am	1.35pm	1.05pm
Year 1A (Mrs Doherty)	Front door nearest to Mrs Hamilton's classroom in Junior School Site	8.50am	2pm	1.35pm
Year 1B (Miss Hutton)	Back Door nearest to Mrs Mc Glynn's classroom	8.55am	2.05pm	1.40pm
Year 2 A (Mrs Mc Glynn)	Back Door nearest to Mrs Mc Glynn's classroom	9.05am	2.10pm	1.50pm
Year 2 B (Mrs Hamilton)	Front door nearest to Mrs Hamilton's classroom in Junior School Site	9.10am	2.15pm	1.55pm
Year 3 A (Ms Mc Gowan)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am	2.50pm	1.35pm
Year 3 B (Mrs Mc Brien)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.55am	2.55pm	1.40pm
Year 4 A (Mrs Kelly)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	9am	3pm	1.45pm
Year 4 B (Mrs Vaughan)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	9.05am	3.05pm	1.50pm
Year 5 A (Mrs Gormley)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	9.10am	3.10pm	1.55pm
Year 5 B (Mrs Connolly)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	9.15am	3.15pm	2pm
Year 5 C (Mrs O'Kane)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	9.20am	3.20pm	2.05pm







Year 6 A (Mr Mc Guigan)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	9am	3pm	1.45pm
Year 6 B (Mrs Daly)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	9.05am	3.05pm	1.50pm
Year 7 A (Miss Mc Granaghan)	Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School	8.50am	2.50pm	1.35pm
Year 7 B (Mrs Deery)	Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door	8.50am	2.50pm	1.35pm
Year 7 C (Miss Keyes)	Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door	8.50am	2.50pm	1.35pm





