19th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, effective from today, the school gates will open between 8.40am and 9am in the morning and 3.10pm and 4.30pm in the afternoon.

We understand that initially this may cause some problems for some parents, but rest assured, we have not taken this decision lightly and have done so to safeguard the needs of all our pupils. We also understand your concern whereby the pathway had much more traffic on it this morning, but we do feel that this will wain as time progresses and parents begin to come to school when the gates are open and the playground is supervised by our staff.

We recognise that these changes have come into effect following a half term break and appreciate that this may be a change for some parents who drop off on a morning; however, should you need to drop off your child earlier than the above opening times, our Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am and bookings can be made via ParentPay up until the night before.

We hope you understand the position the school is in, as we were having children being left unsupervised on the playground, sometimes as early at 8:20am! By opening the gates at 8:40am, the children can then go straight in to class, when the class teachers come out to greet the children – much like when the school opened later the day after we had the snow day in December.

Please bare the new gate opening times in mind when making your way to school to ensure that parents and children are not arriving too early. We would also ask parents to be mindful that, if arriving before 8.40am, use is made of both sides of the pathway within the first gate on our grounds to avoid having to use the main pathways.

Regards and Best Wishes,

Mr Jon Brown
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Michelle Tobin
Head of School

Mrs Louise Headley
Assistant Headteacher

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