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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to School Hours from September 2020 - Early Closure on Friday Afternoons

I promised to write to you about our provision for September. As I am sure you can imagine, it is taking some time to ensure that we are able to follow the guidance effectively and keep everyone safe, so I will update you further next week. In the meantime, we are planning a significant change to our teaching hours and I wanted to update you with this now.

When everyone returns in September, our classes will continue to operate in isolated 'bubbles' (groups of children and staff), albeit whole class sized bubbles. Operating in this way, requires changes to how we structure the school day. It is a statutory requirement that teachers have PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time). It is a necessary time that ensures we teach high quality lessons that meet the needs of our learners. Previously, we facilitated this by moving our Higher Level Teaching Assistants and Cover Supervisors between classes, as required. Obviously, this is no longer possible. Therefore, in order to enable the provision of PPA, we are planning to close the school at 1pm on Fridays, after learners have had their lunch. This will affect all learners in Reception to Y6 only. It will not affect our Nursery provision which will still operate as normal.

Many schools have opted to do this and it is an approach that some schools had already adopted prior to lockdown. Due to our timetable changes, which I will explain when I write to you next, our learners will have an additional hour of learning activities each week despite our early closure on Fridays. I emphasise that no learning time will be lost and is in fact increased by our changes.

I anticipate that for some families, an early finish on Fridays can provide greater flexibility allowing them to complete any home learning tasks or other activities before the weekend. Thereby not eating into family time. However, I appreciate that there may be a few parents/carers that, due to work commitments, may find it difficult to collect their child at 1pm. For those that have no other option for childcare, we will provide limited childcare until the normal end of school.

In September, it will be necessary for you to inform us if you require Friday afternoon childcare. Otherwise we will assume your child will be collected at 1pm.



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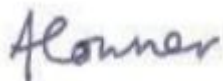
To gain a better understanding of the likely number of children that will need to remain on site on Friday afternoons we are asking that you complete a short survey following the link below.

[Friday Afternoon Childcare from September 2020](#)

We have also published this link on our website in the [Latest News Section](#).

Thank you, as always for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Conner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Miss A Conner, Headteacher