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Headteacher
Mrs L. Tomlinson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach this final day of this school year, we are definitely looking forward to some relaxation time and perhaps a holiday. However, as school staff, we must also be considering the new school year and ensuring the right plans are in place.

The government guidance is very much telling us that when we return in September, class and year group bubbles will no longer be needed and that a semblance of what we once called 'normality' can return. The last 16 months have most definitely been challenging but they have also forced us to make changes to our operational plans and some of these have actually proved to be a change for the better.

We were keen to know your thoughts and I thank those of you who completed our September Plans Survey. This feedback has helped to shape our thinking for the year ahead. Your feedback has told us most clearly that you like the children coming to school on PE days in their PE kits and remaining in their kit for the day. We are happy for that to remain in place during 21/22. The survey results also told us that the vast majority of you want to keep the one-way system so we shall do just that.

Again, there was an overwhelming majority for maintaining staggered timings and I do agree that it does ease congestion at the start and end of each day. We will therefore continue to stagger timings but will reduce the gap. We have also looked at our lesson timetabling and the most effective deployment of staff and this has meant that we have decided upon the start and end times listed below for each year group. Please note we will monitor this carefully and if we feel changes are required, we will update you accordingly.

Year Group	Doors Open	Registration Closes	Day Ends
Nursery am	8:30am	8:40am	Doors open at 11.15am and close at 11.30pm
Nursery pm	12:30pm	12:40pm	Doors open at 3.15pm and close at 3.30pm
Reception (timings from 20 th September)	8:40am	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:30am	8:40am	2:50pm
Year 2	8:40am	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 3	8:50am	9:00am	3:10pm
Year 4	8:50am	9:00am	3:10pm
Year 5	8:40am	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 6	8:30am	8:40am	2:50pm

Unless bubbles have to be re-instated, each year group will be able to access the canteen once again and therefore our hot meal menu will be able to be re-established. I know this is something many of you have been wanting to happen. We will also be able to offer a breaktime service once more, which I know was very popular before the pandemic. Our Breakfast club service will return to the canteen so that we can provide a more varied breakfast menu.

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Although we will have our one-way system in place, if we do not need to keep year groups separate from one another, we will be able to allow pupils to store their bikes and scooters in the parking sheds. We will also continue with the ruling that parents of pupils in Y4-6 do not need to come down the KS2 pedestrian gate and can either collect from the current holding bays or, of course, allow their children to walk home if that is a possibility.

As I mentioned in the newsletter a few weeks ago, we have been very lenient with regard to following the uniform policy during this academic year. However, from September, we will be asking all pupils to adhere to the policy and will re-send you the details of our uniform expectations when we email out the updated handbooks in the next few weeks.

Thank you all for your support this year. We value the partnership work with our Lynch Hill parents and carers. I wish you all a wonderful summer. Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PP Loma Das' with a horizontal line underneath.

Lindsey Tomlinson

Headteacher.