

15th September 2020

Good afternoon,

I am very grateful for the understanding and support of the vast majority of parents and carers but further to my email last week, I am aware that some of you are still unsettled by the hours of the school week. As a staff, we have worked hard to put measures in place to keep your children, yourselves and ourselves as safe as possible – there are many significant factors to consider particularly the wellbeing and mental health of everyone in our community, academic recovery, infection control measures, and the ever changing picture in terms of the number of Covid cases. This week, we have the further consideration of the 'rule of six' and the impact of this on our personal and professional lives. Whilst schools are exempt from this, the new policy forces us to reconsider routines in relation to social distancing. Please adhere to the routines and procedures shared with you. **In the light of new government policy, after reviewing routines and procedures as a staff and having taken on board parent feedback, we intend to make tweaks to the beginning and end of day arrangements FROM MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.**

We need to mitigate risk whilst ensuring that our curriculum offer is strong but we cannot return to the pre- Covid norm. In this way, we cannot continually compare what is happening now to what happening pre March.

- Our timings and routines are changing but not significantly (please see table below)
 - We are giving you a window to drop off and collect so that we are minimising the number of people on site at any one time and therefore better enabling social distancing. **This window (e.g 8:45am- 8:55am) is the only time that you can be on school site. Please do not arrive prior to this time slot to avoid crowding. Let's work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.**
 - We are moving some finish times away from Wath Academy's finish times.
 - We are maintaining Fitzwilliam Street at the FS and KS1 entrance and Festival Road as the KS2 entrance.
 - We are now lengthening the day as we are satisfied that children are familiar with routines and are ready to step up learning demand. New routines and procedures have been trialled and are working well so we are ready to increase learning time further.
- At the beginning of the day, if you have siblings with different start times, **you can drop off all siblings at the earliest of your drop off slots.**
- At the end of the day, if you have siblings with different finish times, **please pick up siblings at the latest collection time, therefore allowing all your children to work to the end of their day.** Your children will wait in their classroom. Please adhere to this, because last week, we had over 50% of some classes collected early missing over 20 minutes of learning every day.

NEW TIMINGS to take effect from Monday 21st September				
Year Group	Entry to/Exit from site	Drop off window and location	Mon – Thurs pick up window and location	Fri pick up
F1	Fitzwilliam Street	8:45am - 12:15pm	11:45am - 3:15pm	11:45am - 3:15pm
F2B		8:55am – 9:00am (Early Bird 8:45am) <i>FS2 outside provision</i>	3:00pm – 3:05pm <i>FS2 outside provision</i>	12:00pm <i>FS2 outside provision</i>
F2H		9:00am – 9.05am (Early Bird 8:50am) <i>FS2 outside provision</i>	3:05pm – 3:10pm <i>FS2 outside provision</i>	12:05pm <i>FS2 outside provision</i>
Y1		8:45am – 8:55am <i>Through classroom doors.</i>	3:00pm - 3:10pm <i>Through classroom doors</i>	12:00 – 12:10pm <i>Through classroom doors</i>
Y2		8:30am – 8:40am <i>Through main entrance (Fitzwilliam Street)</i>	2:50pm – 3:00pm <i>Through main entrance (Fitzwilliam Street)</i>	11:50pm – 12:00pm <i>Through main entrance (Fitzwilliam Street)</i>
Y3		Festival Road	8:30am – 8:40am <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>	2:50pm – 3:00pm <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>
Y4	8:50am – 9:00am <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>		3:10pm – 3:20pm <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>	12:20pm - 12:30pm <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>
Y5	8:30am – 8:40am <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>		2:50pm – 3:00pm <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>	12:00pm – 12:10pm <i>Grass beyond the path outside classroom doors</i>
Y6	8:50am – 9:00am <i>Through the old entrance door (Festival Road)</i>		3:10pm – 3:20pm <i>Outside classroom doors</i>	12:20pm - 12:30pm <i>Outside classroom doors</i>

Children have a staggered lunchtime which has been shortened to accommodate Covid restrictions but still allows adequate time to eat and play plus outdoor learning opportunities in their allocated outdoor space which is often structured. They also have a staggered scheduled break during the morning which allows time for play in a larger space.






The location of drop off and collection and entry to site are the same. Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that you wait at a social distance away from other parents.

Thank you. As ever, every decision taken in school has your children at the heart.

Take care

Team Central

Please continue to follow the safety guidance sent out last week

				
<p>Only one parent/ older sibling on site to drop off and collect within your allocated window of time.</p>	<p>From other parents and from school staff</p>	<p>Keep all pathways clear.</p>	<p>Please keep away from classroom doors and windows at the end of school day so that learning is not disturbed.</p>	<p>The office is still closed. All enquiries need to be made by telephone or email at school@wcp.jmat.org.uk</p>