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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer and that you are all safe and well! I want to take the opportunity to thank you for being patient with us as we have moved our school as it hasn't been an easy task.

We still anticipate that the children in Years 1-6 will return on the **8<sup>th</sup> September** and reception and nursery on the **9<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be stay and play sessions for new starters to nursery on the 8<sup>th</sup> (please see letters sent by Mrs Mason). We are desperate to get the children back into school but as I said on Facebook – this may change depending on broadband connectivity and health and safety issues. If there is any change I will inform you as soon as I know!

I have finally been given the go-ahead to share the new operating times for the school. We have needed to change the times as with two other schools on the same road; we needed to make sure that there wasn't too much traffic congestion on the road to keep the children safe. There are also a range of new traffic measures on the road to support drivers in keeping their speeds low.

We have also got a drop off point in the school grounds. This operates on a one-way system with a loop around the car park. There will be children on the pavements as they come into school and so we ask that parents using the drop off drive to the limit of 5 MPH and are cautious in case of children stepping off the path. Staff will be placed around the grounds and at each gate to support children at both the beginning and the end of the day.

The new times of the school day are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Nursery	9am – 12pm	12.30pm-3.30pm
Reception	9am -11.50am	1pm – 3.20pm
Years 1-6	9.10am -12.10pm	1pm – 3.35pm

\*children who attend nursery for 30 hours and have a 30-hour code will be with us all day.

On entry to the school the KS2 entry gate is to the left (Red House end) and KS1 / Early Years is to the right of building (Marley Potts end). Please do not enter through the gates to the car park as there is a drop off zone and parents will be pulling in and out of the carpark at all times. Children need to enter and exit via the correct gates and go straight to the appropriate yards. Gates will be opened by Vinnie and staff will be on duty. There is also play equipment in the yards – for the children's safety please do not allow children to play on the equipment when it isn't supervised by staff. Mrs Henderson (formally Miss Mather) will be on hand each morning in the drop off zone to discuss any issues that may be concerning yourself and your child that we need to know about to enable us to support your child to have a good day in school.

Breakfast club will resume on the first day back as we appreciate parents need to get to work. Details of how the children will enter the building will be confirmed at a later date however it is anticipated that they will enter via the door at the end of the nursery corridor. All Children in EYFS (30 hour children only) and Years 1-4 must be signed in by a parent and handed to a member of staff for safeguarding reasons. Years 5 and 6 can enter the breakfast club independently but will be signed in by a staff member on entry. Only children on the list following the completion of a questionnaire the previous week will be admitted to breakfast club. Breakfast will be served from 8am -8.30am and the door closed at 8.20am. There will be no entry via the school office as this will not be staffed at this time.

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Children coming to school at the start of the school day will be directed to their classroom doors by members of staff who will be on the yards. Support staff will be in classrooms and teaching staff will be on the yards with the children. When the whistle blows – children will line up in front of their classroom doors with their teachers and will be taken directly into the classrooms. The children will be dismissed by their teachers from the same classroom doors at the end of the day. Support staff will then be placed around the grounds to make sure that the children leave the site safely.

As our school is now further away from our previous site, only children in Year 5 and 6 will be able to walk to school and home alone; this is to ensure that children are safe walking home from school with the extended distance as well as in the winter with the darker nights. We will allow children in Year 4 to walk home alone in the Summer term, with the lighter nights, to help prepare them for Year 5. If you would like your Year 5 or 6 child to walk home, please complete the Survey Monkey sent out soon to give permission for this.

I am really excited to see the children return to school in their new uniform as they will look amazing. Please note that there is only room in the new cloakrooms for a gym bag and a reading book bag. I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to our governors for agreeing to fund uniform for all families as we move to our new school.

I have missed the children so much but I know that they are going to love the new school and the facilities and opportunities that it gives us.

Take care and see you all soon!

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