

15th July 2021

Dear Families,

Re: School Day Timings from September 2021

As you are aware, the school has maintained its COVID risk assessment arrangements for the start and end of the school day until the end of this academic year. These arrangements have been the opportunity to drop off from 8:30am and collection from 2:45pm.

From September 2021, normal arrangements for the start and end of the school day would resume. However, following our learning during this COVID period, I am writing to inform you of some changes to the structure of the school day here at Newton Road School from September 2021.

They are:

	Change from September 2021	Original Timings pre COVID 19
Start of the School day	The gates and doors will open to pupils at 8:35am. Registration will remain at 8:50am. <i>Entrance to the school will be via Newton Road only.</i>	The gates and doors opened to pupils at 8:40am. Registration was 8:50am.
End Time for Foundation Stage	No change – school day to finish at 3:00pm	School day ends at 3:00pm
End Time for Years 1 and 2	School day ends at 3:00pm	School day ends at 3:05pm
End Time for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	No change – school day to finish at 3:05pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 school day ends at 3:05pm.

At the end of the day all of the classes (with the exception of Saplings) will be taken out onto the playground and wait with their teacher to be

dismissed as per the pre-Covid arrangements. We ask parents to wait on the playground and give the staff space to dismiss the children.

These changes will come into force from Monday 6th September 2021 (with the exception of the new Foundation Stage who will follow their transition plan into school previously sent).

I believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community. These changes will enable us to monitor the wellbeing and safety of pupils leaving the school more effectively due to minimizing the number of children at the school gate in the morning and the number of children being dismissed on the playground at any one time. The school has looked at the timetable for the school day for Years 1 and 2 to ensure there is no lost learning time.

We understand some parents with children in various year groups may have concerns about waiting round for the next group to come out. Inevitably, there may be a few teething problems but all teachers will be prompt with their timings. Historically, parents have had to walk around the different groups of classes to collect so by doing it this way line of sight and visibility should help to improve the handovers.

Given the recent COVID arrangements, we are hopeful that these changes will not affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements and that you will support us in making these changes for the benefit of our whole school community.

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us office@newtonroadschool.co.uk.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mills

Principal