



The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



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*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)*

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Dear parent/carer

It has been delightful to have all the staff and all the children back in school this week. A school without the hustle and bustle of learning is just a building. Thank you for working with us in getting the children safely back in to school each morning and home again at the end of the day.

From Monday 7th September we will be making some adjustments to our staggered start and finish times to make them a little shorter in recognition of how well this week has gone thanks to your support. At the beginning of day there will be 5 minutes between each year group and at the end of the day 10 minutes – it takes a little longer to hand them back to you than for you to drop them off to us!!

Start of day arrangements

- 8.45am Year 6 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 5 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 8.50am Year 4 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 3 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 8.55am Year 2 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 1 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 9.00am Reception (when they start their full timetable) enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)

End of day arrangements

- 2.45pm Reception (when they start their full timetable) enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.00pm Year 6 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 5 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.10pm Year 4 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 3 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.20pm Year 2 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 1 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)



I do understand and appreciate that juggling more than one pick up can be challenging. We have considered many options, talked with other schools and revisited the guidance. All school sites and staffing levels are different and arrangements have to be planned with that in mind. What works well here might not work so well at another school. The timings do allow for movement between gates even if dismissal is at the same time, very much in the same way as our “normal” end of day allows for you to collect from numerous classrooms. Staff will wait with your child knowing that you have a sibling to collect.

I can assure you that as we move towards our new timings next week we will be continually reviewing our plans to see how else we can tweak them – watch this space.

Uniform orders:

Please try to order uniform by texting/emailing your requests to the school office and then paying on line through the gateway app. Once we have received payment, and if we have the stock in that you require, we will send the uniform home with your child.

Breakfast club

This will start again on Monday 7th September at 8.00am but is not open to casual drop offs. We are operating a priority, pre-paid booking system and your child can only attend if you have received a confirmation letter following receipt of a booking form (available on our website). There are only a few spaces left as we have a maximum capacity of 30.

Once again, it has been a delight to have you all back with us and we will continue to work together through these strange and challenging times with a smile.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Leighton
Head Teacher

