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### **CHANGE TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,

We have decided to trial a different approach to the start of the school day. At present children are supervised on the play ground from 8:40am until the bell rings at 8:50am. They then line up in class lines to be led in by their class teacher.

From Monday, the children can still arrive from 8:40am but will enter the school straight away via the bottom door by the Monet classroom. A member of staff will be at this door to greet the children and they will then go directly to their classroom.

#### **Some questions which might arise!**

- **Why are you making this change?**

We are hoping that it will alleviate the pressure on the car park as parents will be parking for a much shorter amount of time and will not all be leaving at the same time. Also, we hope that children will be ready and settled to their learning more promptly at 8:50am.

- **Do I need to come into the classroom with my child?**

No, we ask that parents remain outside and we will settle the children in the same way that we do now.

- **What if I need to speak to the class teacher?**

Parents can pass on any messages to the member of staff who is supervising the door and all messages will be passed on. If the class teacher then needs to speak to a parent, they will make contact by telephone later in the day.

- **Can my child arrive before 8:40am?**

The door in to school will be opened and supervised at 8:40am so no children will be able to enter prior to this unless they are attending Rise and Shine Club – which they can attend any time from 8am.

- **What does this mean for children travelling by bus?**

At the moment these children walk through to the playground after arriving but instead will go straight to their classrooms when they arrive.

- **What if we are late for school (after 8:50am)?**

We really do encourage parents to arrive in good time for an 8:50am start as it is unsettling for children to arrive late. However, if you do arrive after 8:50am, you will need to come to the main entrance via the school office. If your child is late we ask that you accompany them to the office in order to sign them in late (after 9am) and to ensure they arrive safely as they will be unsupervised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CMat', is written over a horizontal line.

Mrs Matthews  
Headteacher

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and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.*

