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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I trust that this letter finds you well and fully recovered from the football match on Wednesday night!

As I promised earlier this week, I said I would update you on our intended arrangements for September once the national picture had become a little clearer. You may have heard the Education Secretary state that schools should be back to normal in September. This is something that we certainly intend to do but also, we will be retaining some changes that have been enforced upon us as we think that they work better for the children.

Our finishing times in the afternoon will revert back to the normal times (**3-05 for Reception and Key Stage 1, 3-10 for Key Stage 2 and 3-15 for Nursery**). **Key Stage 1 children will exit through the two small gates opposite each other outside Mrs Pickering's classroom. Year 3/4 will exit through the bottom gates by the bike sheds and Year 5/6 will exit via the car park which, with the safety of the children in mind, will have barriers across to prevent cars pulling on. Reception and Nursery will be dismissed from their respective doors as always.**

We intend to keep the **morning arrangements the same as this year** as this has led to a calmer and more purposeful start to the morning both in and around school.

One other enforced change we will be keeping is that the **children can come to school in their PE kits on their PE days**. We have found that this has allowed more learning time not only in PE but also the lessons immediately before and after. We've also had a lot less lost PE kit too! Hopefully this will mean that the children **will not need such large bags on their return as these take up lots of space too!**

The DFE have stated that the safety measures we need to retain in September are ensuring the children frequently wash their hands, maintaining ventilated classrooms and regularly sanitising all areas. We will of course be doing all of this as whilst nationally all restrictions have been lifted the infection rate, with the new Delta variant, is still increasing. There is still a need for a little caution.

Once more thank you for your co-operation, patience and kindness in what has been a very testing period. We all very much appreciate it.

I do hope you all have a fantastic weekend, there's a match on you know! I would imagine many of our children will want to stay up late to watch it, let them, as these occasions don't come around too often!!! We'll understand if you're a little late on Monday morning.

**It's coming home!**

With fondest regards,

Mr Mills

