

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Our staggered school open and closing times is one of our main covid control measures in school in that it helps to maintain distance between class bubbles and parents at those times when most people are on site.

Long term we will return to our pre-covid operating times, however we feel that the time is right now for us to move a little in that direction.

After the Easter holidays we will be running revised times for the start and finish of school. The school day for pupils and teaching time will not be reduced.

The main reasons for doing this is now are –

- To move the very late start time for Year 3 to an earlier time
- To reduce the disruptions to class teaching caused by many parents picking up siblings from several classes over a 40-minute period at the end of each school day.

Currently our staggered pick up times cover a 40-minute period.

The revised times will reduce this by half, to 20 minutes.

With the current vaccination roll out success and the declining infections rates, we feel that it is safe to make a small move towards normality now. Although times are still staggered there will obviously be a small increase in the number of children and adults on the school site at any one time so it will continue to be important that everyone observes social distancing and move through our one-way system as fast as possible. From reviewing our current arrangements we feel that we can make the move and still provide ample spread and space to allow for children and parents to maintain social distancing at the start and end of the school day. All other covid controls will stay unchanged.

The new times are shown below.

	Start time	AM Break	Lunchtime	PM Break	End of school
Year R	9.00am	10.00-10.15am	11.45-12.15pm	1.45-2.00pm	2.50pm
Year 1	9.00am	10.15-10.30am	12.15-12.45pm	2.00-2.15pm	2.50pm
Year 2	9.10am	10.30-10.45am	12.45-1.15pm	2.15-2.30pm	3.00pm
Year 3	8.55am	10.30-10.45am	1.00-1.30pm	2.15-2.30pm	3.00pm
Year 4	9.05am	10.15-10.30am	12.30-1.00pm	2.00-2.15pm	3.10pm
Year 5	8.55am	10.00-10.15am	12.00-12.30pm	1.45-2.00pm	3.00pm
Year 6	9.00am	9.45-10.00am	11.30-12.00pm	1.30-1.45pm	3.05pm