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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware there are a number of changes that will be coming into effect in how we manage the pandemic, including changes to the DfE guidance for schools.

As previously shared with you we will of course be updating our risk assessments and our systems of control to ensure that we can continue to run our schools safely and with the least disruption possible.

We are very aware that a lot might change over the 6 week summer holiday period but are keen to ensure that we can provide as much consistency and certainty as possible for our pupils and families prior to the summer holidays.

We have therefore made the decision to maintain our staggered start and finish times at the start of the new academic year and these will be in place until at least the end of September. Please see below the year group start and finish times as a reminder.

Additional details, including regarding drop-off and pick-up arrangements, will be shared in line with the latest guidance at the beginning of September prior to our first day back on **Monday 6th September**.

	GATE A1	A2	GATE B1	B2	GATE C
8:55am	-	-	-	Lapwing	Avocet
9:05am	Swift	Magpie	Goshawk	Redwing	Skylark
9:15am	Siskin	Kittiwake	Waxwing	Teal	Sanderling

	GATE A1	A2	GATE B1	B2	GATE C
3:15pm	-	-	-	-	-
3:25pm	Swift	Magpie	Goshawk	Redwing	Skylark
3:35pm	Siskin	Kittiwake	Waxwing	Lapwing and Teal	Avocet and Sanderling

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Please note that currently the government has set out that self-isolation rules for children under 18 will cease on 16th August and only those children who have tested positive for coronavirus will have to self-isolate. It is our understanding that, as it currently stands, this would avoid the need for bubble closures. As has been the case throughout this pandemic, we will continue to work closely with Public Health to ensure that we are working in line with their guidance and advice. When we write to you at the beginning of September, we will also share the latest information with you regarding self-isolation rules.

We appreciate the impact that this pandemic has had on every member of our school community and thank you again for your support so that we can work in partnership together to secure the best possible education for your child(ren) during these challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Charles
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