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Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been so fantastic to see all the children return to school this week. We have been proud of how brilliantly they have managed the new arrangements. In our first assembly for children on Monday, we spoke about having a focus on two of our values, those of kindness and resilience- and the children have definitely demonstrated these over the week.

Thank you to all our parents/ carers for your patience at drop off and collection times and with the one way system. Generally, the arrangements seem to be working well, however as we outlined in our initial letter, we have reviewed arrangements following feedback from staff and parents and there are a few tweaks we would like to put in place to ensure we get it just right to be both safe and efficient for you, the children and staff.

**Beginning and end of the day times:**

We will keep the beginning and end times the same for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We would like to move the start and end times for Year 3/4, Year 5 and Year 6 forward by 10 minutes. We have listened to parents who have feedback that there is a big gap between picking up from KS1 and then a sibling from KS2. We've also listened to staff who have said they feel an earlier start/ finish would help the children's learning.

**Start and end times from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

Class and Year group	Start time	End time	Where to drop and collect
Nursery Sunstone	9.00a.m.	3.15p.m.	Parents with only Nursery children should enter the school via the Neville Road Gate next to the Nursery. Parents with Nursery children who have older children to drop should enter via the Gundreda Road Gate and wait in the Reception courtyard, children will enter the Nursery via the new gate at the top of the Nursery stairs.
Reception Aquamarine	9.00a.m.	3.20p.m.	Reception courtyard
Year 1 Onyx	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.	Side of Music room
Year 2 Jet and Ruby	8.45 a.m.	3.05 p.m.	KS1 playground (not under the shelter)
Year 3/4 Garnet, Opal and Topaz	8.50 a.m.	3.20 p.m.	Junior playground, to enter school via Year 3/4 doors.

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	(note new time)		
<b>Year 5</b> Emerald and Amber	9.00 a.m. (note new time)	3.30 p.m.	Junior playground, to enter school via Year 5/6 doors.
<b>Year 6</b> Amethyst and Quartz	9.00 a.m. (note new time)	3.30 p.m.	Junior playground, to enter school via Year 5/6 doors.
<b>Language Centre</b> Pearl	8.50a.m.	3.20p.m.	Reception area at main entrance.

We will continue to use the Extended School Room (previously Music Room) for children who have a younger sibling dropped first.

**A few reminders to help us all to remain safe:**

- Please try to arrive on time rather than early for your drop off or pick up so we can avoid congestion.
- Please leave the school site once you have dropped or collected your child/ren, to avoid congestion.
- Please also try to keep a social distance from the other adults dropping off for your own safety.
- Remember that although we have put a one way system in place, the footpath along the school boundary does remain a public footpath and the local community may also be using it.
- We are grateful to parents/ carers for their patience as teachers dismiss children to their parent. Could we ask that once you have picked up your child you move to the back of the playground so that other parents can then collect their children.
- When dropping and collecting children you will have noticed that the play equipment (climbing frame, slide, new wood chips equipment) is cordoned off. Please remind your children they cannot access the equipment before or after school, they do use it during the day, however we ensure that only one bubble is using it at the same time.
- Your child should not bring in any sanitiser from home. There is plenty of sanitiser available in school and it presents a potential hazard to other children e.g. if it were to be ingested by another child. If your child is allergic to sanitiser please let us know and we can ensure they always wash their hands with soap and water instead.
- As we are not using the water fountains at present, please ensure children have their own water bottles in school.

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- Ensure children all have their PE kit in school.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms:**

The NHS website gives details about how to check for the main coronavirus symptoms.

As a reminder: if you, your child or anyone you live with develops any of the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
  
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Then you must follow Government guidance to stay at home;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

In line with current government guidance, if your child has symptoms they should self-isolate for 10 days and arrange with NHS.UK to have a test. If one child in the family had symptoms, other family members should self-isolate while a test is undertaken.

Should your child become sick or need to self-isolate, please report this to us by contacting the school office via email: [office@wallandscp.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@wallandscp.e-sussex.sch.uk) or by phoning 01273 472776. If you have any other questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school via the school office.

In other news:

### **Staff update**

We would like to welcome Angela Heerey to Year 2 and Georgie Williams to Year 3/4.

We would also like to welcome our new Extended Schools Team, Amanda Runeckles, an experienced Play Worker Leader who will join us as Extended Schools Coordinator, Nicola Mould and Lola Thomas will be joining the team as Play Workers. We have been delighted with the number of children accessing both Breakfast Club and After School Club.

### **Buildings update**

Much of the building work that was undertaken in the summer has been completed. The children have been enjoying seeing the improvements to the building. We have a new front entrance, which is a safer, more welcoming entrance to our school. We have new lights throughout the school, and some new doors leading out to KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We have new toilets on both the lower and upper KS2 corridors- the children may have already told you about the special new hand dryers and touch flushes! The Language Centre building is nearly finished and the children should be able to move into their new classroom soon. The children have really been enjoying the new play equipment in the wood chip area.

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### **Meet the Teacher**

As you know, at this time of the year we would usually be inviting parents/ carers into school for an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher.' Although these will not be able to take place in the same way, staff are preparing a Loom video with all the information parents need. These will be found on Class Dojo from Monday 14th.

Nursery and Reception children have been visiting their teacher and their classrooms this week, we are really looking forward to them starting school next week.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us so we can discuss them with you.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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