



## Southern Road Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to formally consult you all on some slight changes to the start and end of the school day that we are hoping will commence in September 2021.

**The changes are planned on the basis that in September the COVID Government restrictions will allow them- so may be subject to change**

.These changes are as follows.

- All children from **Reception to Year 6** will now have the same start time of **8.45am**. This is when morning registration will take place in order for learning to start promptly. **Doors will open at 8.40am. Bagels will be available for all children.**
- All children from **Reception to Year 6** will have the same finish time of **3pm**.
- Nursery morning opening times will remain the same. Afternoon sessions will now be **12.20pm-3.20pm**.
- In the morning school gates on Southern Road and Eastern Road will open at **8.40am** and be locked at **8.55am**.
- In the afternoon both gates will open at **2.50pm** and close at **3.10pm**.
- Lunchtimes will be split into KS1 and KS2 as follows:

**KS1- 11.45am - 12.30pm  
KS2- 12.30pm - 1.15pm**

- To continue to avoid congestion the following will apply:

Entrance and Exit	Year groups
Eastern Road	1, 4 and 6
Southern Road	R, 2, 3 and 5

Why are we doing this?

- A slightly earlier start time will enable children to settle, have a bagel and get ready for learning. Evidence shows this is effective. Teachers will plan some learning activities whilst also taking the register.
- These changes will also allow us to split lunchtimes for KS1 and KS2. Our split lunchtimes this year have led to more space for the children to play. With fewer children out at the same time we feel it is a safer and calmer environment for the pupils and staff. Lunchtimes will be 45 minutes long.
- Finishing earlier will reduce congestion in the local area and also support older siblings at Lister that may collect younger siblings. It also means we can start our after school club programme earlier when it begins again in September.

If you are opposed to these changes on timings please state these in writing to the Head Teacher by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

Kind regards,

Gavin MacGregor

Headteacher