



22nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for responding to the consultation letter sent out last week about the current early Friday close. An overwhelming 88% of you were in support of the early Friday closure as it has enabled us to:

- to strengthen the protection around bubble integrity;
- ensure a through deep clean every Friday;
- provide extra capacity to respond to staff absence.

All of your responses have been considered and I have shared these with the governing body. Based on your responses and the local and regional Covid-19 situation, I have decided to:

- Continue to close at Friday lunchtime. Please be assured that this is to ensure the integrity and safety of our bubbles, staff and local community.
- Change the closing time of each bubble to a slightly later time (see below). This is in response to your comments and will also enable us to provide hot school dinners to F2 to Y6 pupils every Friday. If you don't want your child to have a school dinner you will need to provide them with a packed lunch on Fridays after half term.
- Consult with you again before Christmas to review the early Friday closure. If at this time, there is a measurable increase of parent/carers not in support of continuing Friday afternoon closures we will explore ways to safely return to a 'normal' staggered Friday finish.

New Friday finish times. **This will start after the October half term.**

F1	F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
11.45am	12.40pm	1.00pm	12.50pm	12.40pm	12.40pm	12.50pm	1.00pm

Why are times staggered like this?

Times are staggered as before to help with social distancing and bubble integrity.

As with every other day there is a 20-minute gap between the first and last collection to reduce waiting time.

These staggered times allow each bubble to leave from different exits, avoiding contact with each other.

F1

F1 afternoon pupils can continue to attend for the morning session on Friday. Due to pupils accessing 30 hour provision the F1 class will continue to operate as one bubble **until** Christmas. However, as numbers increase after Christmas, F1 will remain open on a Friday afternoon and usual morning and afternoon sessions will commence regardless of whether or not school continues to close early for other year groups.

I understand that this decision might prove difficult for some of our families and some of you may struggle with child care. If this is the case then please get in touch and we will do our best to signpost you to other available childcare.

Thank you for your continued support and for the many supporting messages that we have received.

Mr A Minor