



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

29th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term in school, I would like to thank you for the excellent attendance at our Parents' Evening sessions for our children in Year1 to Year 6. It was great to see so many parents/carers present, whilst also hearing or reading the wonderful feedback that you provided. It is another example of school and home working together in support of our children.

I would also like to provide everyone with an update on our start times at the beginning of each day. Now that the roadworks have come to an end and the initial rush witnessed at the opening of LIDL has also ended, we are in a position to change our start times. We have decided not to return to our previous later pre COVID start time, but extend the 8.30am beginning of the day to all children.

All children will now be able to arrive in school between **8.30am – 8.45am**. When they enter the classroom, the children will be registered and will also have work ready to complete. Registration will then close at 8.45am. By having all children in school by 8.45am, teachers are then able to begin lessons straight away. This increases our teaching week by 1 hour and 15 minutes and allows us to "fit in" all lessons from our broad and balanced curriculum.

To give people enough notice, to ensure that they arrive in time and are not recorded as late, the gates will remain open until 8.55am until the start of the last half term, which is Monday 5th June. However, we would encourage all parents to try and arrive between **8.30am – 8.45am** as soon as you can after Easter.

We are aware that we are now returning to all children arriving within a 15 minute window, rather than a 25 minute window, which was introduced to accommodate social distancing during COVID and then extended until all of the building work and roadworks outside school were completed. It is important that we do not return to gridlock on St. Paschal Baylon Boulevard in the morning. We now have a new car park in LIDL which reduces the need to access the road directly outside the school by car. We encourage as many people as possible to use this to park or walk to school, if this is viable. We will also be keeping both gates open, to help reduce congestion.

School will end at **3.00pm** for all year groups.

The final reminders are that we finish at 1.30pm on Friday for our Easter Holiday and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday 17th April in their Summer uniforms.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter and get to spend some time rest and relax together as a family.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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