



Building a Legacy

5 May 2021

School day revision

Dear Parent

I am writing in the hope that we can now move towards a revision of our school day in light of the current community response to COVID-19 - ***with your continued support and cooperation and attention to the detail, of course!***

As I've said on a number of occasions, the school day, as we all want it to be at Andrews Memorial, is not what's on offer at the moment. So, while we have been and continue to be limited or guided by government advice, we also need to support our pupils, staff and parents in returning to some elements of 'our normal' if we can before September. Otherwise, the shock might be too much!

In summary, then, this is what we are proposing ***from Monday 10 May 2021:***

- Continuing staggered start times as currently in operation:
 - ***Blue group 8.30-8.40am; burgundy group 8.40-8.50am***
 - ***Classes start promptly at 9.00am***
- P1-3 classes finishing at 1.55pm:
 - ***P1 pick-up in playground; P2 at P1/2 entrance; P3 at gate***
- Extension of P5-7 school day until 3.00pm - with teachers in control of maintaining a 'graduated exit' at home time, ie supervision at the gates:
 - ***This can only work if all parents/carers do their best to clear the site promptly & quickly***
- P4 classes to finish at 3.00pm on Mondays & Tuesdays only:
 - ***P4 classes finish at 1.55pm on Wednesday-Friday***
 - ***This allows for cover & for SEN classes to continue as they are now***
- Class cover for P5-7 classes, 2-3pm - using the same P1-4 teacher for each session (twice weekly):
 - ***These sessions will be outdoors if possible (see uniform below)***
 - ***P4s will only have cover on Mondays & Tuesdays***
- Resumption of limited after-school sports prioritising P7s initially:
 - ***These can still only be facilitated in class bubbles at the time of writing; teachers will be in touch with pupils & parents directly in due course***
- Jiminy Cricket's After-School Club
 - ***Jiminy's staff will continue to collect pupils at the 1.55pm finish***
 - ***P5-7 pupils will make their own way to Jiminy's at 3.00pm***

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- Uniform requirements
 - *All pupils to wear PE uniform every day until the end of term (see below)*
 - *This will allow outdoor activities to take place as and when possible*
 - *Other appropriate outdoor clothing must be provided (coats at least); there will be no option for supervision inside if a class is outside & all pupils are expected to take part in every outdoor activity*

You are reminded that our PE uniform consists of a school hoodie or sweatshirt, sky blue or school polo shirt, and shorts/trackie bottoms and trainers. Some children are treating current PE days as 'non-uniform'. They are not, so please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate Andrews Memorial uniform and looks like they're part of our team - of which we are genuinely proud.

Inside the building, all our one-way systems, controlled toilet access, eating arrangements, no unsupervised movement around the school (and more) remain in place under government guidelines. It is unlikely that we will host a Breakfast Club this term due to the numbers we normally have and the logistics required to avoid class bubble mixing.

I hope that you will be glad to see these changes coming in; moreover, I really hope that you will do your best to support us in our endeavours. Revision of the day is for the benefit of everyone and everyone has a role to play in making it work. So far, parents have been fantastic in their support - let's keep working together to see if we can get to the end of June now!

Kind regards and continue to take care and stay safe.

Ralph Magee

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26 May 2021: school photos (all pupils) - info to follow

Friday 28 May: school development day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 31 May 2021: May Bank Holiday (school closed)