

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Dear Parents & Carers** 

It was great to see so many of you in school today for our Special Mentions Assembly. It finally feels like we are beginning to return to normal, after a tough couple of years.

Another thing that has returned to normal is the times, and routines for the start and the end of the day. I am very pleased to see the number of children that are walking or riding a bike to school, and some of the older children are doing this on their own, which I also applaud. I have also noticed that some children are in the school grounds without parental supervision for quite a long time, and this is a safety risk, as teachers are busy in their classrooms at this time and are no longer supervising the children.

The gates should be open from 8.40, and the classroom doors should be open from 8.50. If your child walks or bikes to school on their own, please can you ensure they are arriving a school between 8.50 and 8.55, so they go straight into their classroom.

If you wait in the playground with your children, please could you make sure they are supervised on any play equipment, and that they do not play football. We have a no football rule at the beginning and end of the day, because both adults and children have been hit by footballs as they have been walking through the school grounds.

If you need to drop your child off earlier than 8.50, please use our fantastic breakfast club which costs just £1 for drop offs after 8.30.

If your child walks, or bikes home after school, please remind them to leave the school grounds as soon as possible after their teacher has dismissed them. If you are collecting your child, please ensure they are supervised at all times, and that they do not play football. The gates will be locked at 3.35 for the safety of the children attending afterschool, club.

Kind regards

John Birch