



*The Best That We Can Be*  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Devonshire Primary Academy! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are keeping safe and well.

Following a review of today's staggered start and finish times, and taking into consideration the parent and staff feedback we received, we have decided to make a few changes. Our intention is, and has always been, to keep our parents, pupils and staff as safe as possible. Therefore, **from tomorrow morning (Friday 4th September), we would like the children to arrive and leave at the following times:**

<u>Bubbles</u>	<u>Gate/Entrance</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>
<b>Year 1 1S &amp; 1T</b>	Devonshire Road Gate	8.30 – 8.40am	3.00pm
<b>Year 2 2B &amp; 2W</b>	Devonshire Road Gate	8.45 – 8.55am	3.15pm
<b>Year 3 3D &amp; 3F</b>	Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail)	8.30 - 8.40am	3.00pm
<b>Year 4 4C &amp; 4W</b>	Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail)	8.45 – 8.55am	3.15pm
<b>Year 5 5D &amp; 5M/T</b>	Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground)	8.30-8.40am	3.00pm
<b>Year 6 6B &amp; 6O</b>	Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground)	8.45-8.55am	3.15pm

Can I remind you to leave your child(ren) at the school gate and not enter the playground; we know this will be difficult for both new and returning children, but we appreciate your cooperation with this. Staff will be on hand to support your child and guide them to their new class. Activities throughout the first few weeks will focus on settling all children back into school life!

In our original letter, sent during the summer holidays, we advised you that it was important to keep a 2m distance between yourself and other parents who are also waiting. Please remember to do this, as it reminds the children of government guidelines and maintains consistency between practices at home and in school.

From tomorrow morning, we will have signs on the gates to help you wait in the right area, queue in the right direction and ease congestion. We are hoping that the new staggered times will reduce the time people are



having to wait, making it easier for parents who have children in different year groups and enabling parents to get to work for 9.00am.

Below is a reminder of the different entrance and exit points around the school site.

**Devonshire Road Entrance  
(Pre School)**

**Devonshire Road Entrance  
(Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)**



**Caunce Street – Year 5/6 Playground  
(Year 5 & Year 6)**

**Caunce Street – Trim Trail  
(Year 3 & Year 4)**

Please can I also remind parents of children in Preschool and Reception of the importance of being available for your scheduled 'Zoom' meeting, so that teachers can provide you with the most up to date information before the children start school in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

*D. P. Simm*

Mr D.P. Simm  
Headteacher

