



The Best That We Can Be
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Please can I remind you that on Thursday 5th November, the school's start and end times were altered slightly. Unfortunately, we have had a worrying number of late pupil arrivals and collections recently. Not only does this impact on pupils' learning time in lessons, it also causes congestion at the school office as we are only able to permit one pupil at a time in that area.

The decision to alter the school's start and end times was taken to ease congestion and help avoid unnecessary waiting, particularly at a time of year when the weather is often unpredictable. Please do not arrive at school early/prior to your child's start and end times. Although we appreciate that some parents have a number of children to drop off/collect at different times and at different gates, congestion could be eased further if families ensure only one adult per family comes to the school gates, where possible.

The school's start and end times are as follows:

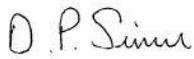
Bubbles	Gate/Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception RG & RM	Devonshire Road Gate	8.45 – 8.55am	2.50pm
Year 1 1S & 1T	Devonshire Road Gate	8.30 – 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 2 2B & 2W	Devonshire Road Gate	8.40 – 8.50am	3.10pm
Year 3 3D & 3F	Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail)	8.30 - 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 4 4C & 4W	Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail)	8.40 – 8.50am	3.10pm
Year 5 5D & 5M/T	Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground)	8.30 - 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 6 6B & 6O	Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground)	8.40 - 8.50am	3.10pm



To reduce the spread of Covid-19, it is essential that families try and social distance as much as possible. We continue to ask all visitors to school to wear a mask or visor and it is also an expectation that parents must wear a mask or visor at the beginning and end of the school day – especially when on school grounds, without exception, unless there is a medical reason for exemption. The school grounds referred to are by the trim trail and the Y5/6 playground.

We understand that occasionally there may be reasons beyond your control that mean a child may be late to school. However, it is very important that you do please try to ensure you stick to the above start and end times. Our aim is to keep all pupils, families and staff as safe as possible in these unprecedented times and I urge you to support us with these measures.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher

