



## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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### IMPORTANT UPDATES – PLEASE READ – CHANGES FROM MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for being so patient with the many changes that have happened in order to ensure it is a safe return for all. As you know, we made the morning start earlier, lunchtime shorter and the end of the day later for the majority of year groups so that we could make sure everyone was safe at the busiest times of the day.

We have been reviewing these busy periods and as of **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**, the following changes will apply:

Start of the day	Lunchtime	End of the day
<b>Gates will open from 8.40-8.55am</b> and children can come straight to class.	<b>No change</b> (Year 3 and 5 11.45-12.30 Year 4 and 6 12.35-1.20)	<b>Year 3 – 3.10pm</b> <b>Year 4,5,6 – 3.14pm, 3.15pm, 3.16pm (Bells to support the flow of children)</b> FACE COVERINGS* to be worn by adults collecting children from school premises (*unless exempt)

**Start of the day** – The soft start has worked really well, and we have found that nearly all of our 400 pupils are in school within the first 15 minutes. Therefore, we are going to shorten our Soft Start period to 15 minutes. Gates will open at **8.40am**, not 8.30am, as this additional time isn't needed. Children will continue to go straight to class.

**Lunchtime** – The 2 separate sittings are working well. School lunches are delivered directly to classes where all the children eat their lunch. In order to comply with our current risk assessment, we need to continue to keep children in their current class bubble. We are aware ALL children are having an additional 15 minutes learning time during the day because of this arrangement, so this is why most classes have an afternoon break of around 10/15 minutes.

**End of the day** – Currently, the gap between years 4, 5 and 6 leaving at the end of the day is too long and results in many parents and carers having to wait some time for siblings. We have, therefore, decided to reduce the length of these gaps so that the bells ring at the times in the tables above. We remain very confident this will be safe. Thank you to all those families that leave the premises swiftly and have made this change possible.

Lastly, we have noticed that there are many adults standing very close together at the end of the day. In our continuing efforts to keep everyone safe, we ask that from 5<sup>th</sup> October, you wear a face mask if you come onto our site. You WILL NOT need to do this at the beginning of the day.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Scott