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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good, restful Summer break; we are really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

As stated at the end of last academic year, we have liaised with Southover School and are delighted that both the Potter's Lane entrance and car park entrance will be open for both schools to use each morning and afternoon. Southover School will open their gates at approximately 8.40am and close at 8.55am, they will reopen at 3.05pm and close at 3.30pm. To ease congestion, help families access the site from either entrance and have a prompt start to learning, school will start at 8.45am. We will finish at 3.15pm each day which means all after-school clubs will run 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be greeted by their class teacher and teaching assistant at the white gate (open from 8.40am). Years 3 – 6 will be greeted by their class teacher and teaching assistant at the green gate (near the swimming pool, open from 8.40am). The children are welcome to come through their gate at 8.40am and the bell will ring at 8.45am, at which point they will line up, ready for class. We saw from the last 18 months that the children are able to manage the transition from dropping off to school time more effectively if that is done at the gate and so we are continuing to ask parents and carers to not come through the gates, onto the school playground. You are, of course, welcome to speak with your child's class teacher at the gate each morning. If you need to speak with them in detail, please do ask to make an appointment. At the end of the school day, children will be dismissed at 3.15pm from their gate.

In-line with current Government guidance, we will no longer be operating in class bubbles but instead having the children socialise and mix with different year groups across the school day, for example in assemblies, break and lunch times. We know for many children this will be something they are very much looking forward to and they will be excited to see their friends. We also appreciate that, for some children and families, this can be a source of worry in being amongst more children which they may not have experienced for some time. We are putting in additional support for all children tomorrow and as the term unfolds to help their transition into the new academic year.

We will continue to keep the school well-ventilated and maintain good hand hygiene throughout the day. The children no longer have to go to the toilet within class bubbles but will be reminded of good toilet etiquette at all times.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and to an exciting term ahead.

Best wishes,

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