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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

4th September 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been an absolute joy to welcome all our children back to school this week. They have come in full of smiles and laughter, their positive start to the year has been exceptional.

Over the coming week we will update you with lots of information, however today we want to focus on trying to improve the dismissal process at the end of the school day. As you all know we are working within the confines of RAAC and temporary accommodation. This includes small entrance and exit access points. We have a single gate from which we are dismissing almost 500 pupils, so I would ask parents, carers and grandparents to be patient. Please do not shout at staff, who are doing their very best to keep all children safe and secure.

At the start of the academic year, dismissal always takes slightly longer as staff learn new faces to prioritise child safely. If I could ask all adults who are collecting **to stand well back from the double green gates behind the cones**, rather than all crowding to the front that would be extremely helpful. There is only going to be one year group at a time asked to come forward.

The end of day school timing has been changed slightly to help this process:

Nursery	Parents come into the yard and collect at 3pm
Reception	Parents come into the yard and collect 3pm
Year One	Parents to come down the side path 3:05pm
Year Two	3:10pm
Year Three	3:15pm
Year Four	3:20pm
Year Five	3:25pm
Year Six	3:30pm

We all really appreciate your help and support with this, to keep all our children safe and secure.

Yours sincerely,
A D Thorpe
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