

## SCHOOL DAY 2023/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard in the media, the Department of Education is no longer funding the **Extended Schools programme**. This is so disappointing as, over the 17 years it has run, it has enabled us to provide so many different clubs and programmes, such as:

- Early Birds
- Young Harts
- Superchefs
- Sensory Motor Group
- Drama Club
- High Fliers
- Blooming Harts  
(Gardening Club)
- GC4CK (Games Club for Cool Kids)
- Reading / Booster Rocks!
- Athletics Club

For the last three years, it has also enabled us to have **more flexibility for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, enabling you to select times which best fit into your daily routine**. This has benefited our pupils too, with **a calm, settled start to the day** and few, if any issues, at home time and on the walk home due to smaller groups of pupils leaving at different times. It has also greatly eased traffic congestion on Charles Street at the start and end of the school day.

However, we no longer have the funding to provide the staggered drop offs and pick ups. For the new school year, 23/24, please note the following arrangements:

### **MORNING DROP-OFF**

**Nursery:** drop-off between **8.45am and 8.55am** in Junior playground (NM) or at Nursery gate (NB) – no change

**P1-P7:** drop-off between **8.30am and 8.40am**.

- **P1:** children will be supervised in each class's respective **outdoor play area**
- **P2-P7:** children will line up in their **class's designated area** (same places as this year). Each area will be supervised by a member of staff.

At **8.40am**, the children will go in to school and **lessons will start at 8.45am sharp**.

Please note: if it is raining, your child will need to wear waterproof clothing if you are dropping him/her off at 8.30am. Alternatively, you may decide to wait until closer to 8.40am to drop off on wet days.

In summary, **EARLIEST DROP-OFF: 8.30am**

**LATEST DROP-OFF: 8.40am**

**LESSONS START: 8.45am**

### **AFTERNOON PICK UP**

**Nursery:** flexible pick up between **1.15pm and 1.30pm** (no change)

**P1 & P2, P3** (Thursdays & Fridays): pick up at **1.45pm** from the usual pick up areas

**P4-P7, P3** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays): pick up at **2.45pm** from the usual pick up areas

COLLECTION POINT at end of school day
Nursery garden gate (NB) / Nursery playground gate (NM)
P1AE: classroom garden
P1GE: top of Junior Playground at Surestart door
P2H & P2LM: top of Junior Playground at green gate
P3WC & P3F: bottom of Junior Playground
P4-P6: just inside main gates
P7: bottom of Junior Playground

## WORKING PARENTS

We appreciate that many of you have been relying on **Early Birds** and **Young Harts** to enable you to get to work on time and to maintain your work pattern. Therefore, we are ***aiming to continue to provide these each day***. As these clubs have been subsidised by Extended Schools funding, we now have to make sure that income covers all costs. The ***daily charge for 23/24 will be £2 / session*** which will be used to cover the cost of two members of staff in each club plus resources and consumables.

To register for either Early Birds and / or Young Harts, you must ***email me at [jshiple527@c2kni.net](mailto:jshiple527@c2kni.net)***, stating the ***work-related reason*** for your child needing to attend. Once you have done this, the ***secretaries will make Early Birds / Young Harts available to you on School Money***, and you can then ***book in your child for the days you need him/her to attend each week***.

**EARLY BIRDS** Drop off from ***7.50am onwards***, Monday – Friday. Children will then be sent / taken (depending on age) to class in time for ***lessons starting at 8.45am***.

**YOUNG HARTS** Children whose ***finish time is 1.45pm*** will be collected from class and taken to the Young Harts room. ***Collection time will be 2.45pm***.