



3rd February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

The School Day

As we approach half term, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify start and finish times to the school day. Throughout the pandemic we have had staggered start and finish times to support social distancing around the school grounds and have appreciated the support from parents in following this.

As we started the new school year in September, we returned to our normal school hours:

The school day starts at **8.55 a.m.** The school gates open just before **8.45 a.m.** and the children can enter their classrooms from **8.45 a.m.**

The school day ends at **3.20 p.m.** The gates will open from **3.10 p.m.** ready for the children to leave their classrooms at **3.20 p.m.** They will not be released before this time. It will be really helpful to stand away from the path in front of the classrooms so we can ensure children go with their named adult.

For F1 (Nursery) will open their doors at 3.20 p.m. to accommodate parents with other children in school but the official end time is 3.30 p.m. so that children are getting 2 3-hour sessions with us. Therefore, they can come between 3.20 p.m. -3.30 p.m. **This is for F1 only.**

If someone else is collecting your child please speak to your child's teacher, contact the office or class email.

We are a Take Care school and are encouraging the children to walk around the paths and not to climb the trees around the playground. We would really appreciate your support in this.

Finally, we would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Bettison who will be leaving us on Friday to start her new job. Mrs Bettison has been at Berry Hill for 12 years and has been a really valued member of the team. We will really miss her but wish her all the best in her new role.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs M Price and the Berry Hill Team