



# Ashley Junior School

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17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Returning to School in September 2020**

We welcome the intention of getting all children back into school from September. Attached to this covering letter are the plans to ensure that children return to a safe and comfortable environment. In developing the plan we have followed guidance from the Department of Education and consulted with neighbouring schools, governors and staff.

**Year 3 children and Robin Class will start school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Years 4, 5 and 6 children will start school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

As the guidance recommends, we have staggered start and finish times that are in the table below. Break and lunch times are similarly staggered so we can, as much as possible, keep children within their 'bubbles' and avoid possible cross-contamination. In developing the staggered start and finish times we will have undoubtedly inconvenienced some of you and we have grappled with this to try to make things as safe and fair as possible.

	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	8.45	2.55
<b>Year 5</b>	8.55	3.05
<b>Year 4</b>	9.05	3.15
<b>Year 3</b>	9.15	3.25

Teaching time is not reduced with the revised timings. Lunch and break times are shorter – learning time is extended. Within the guidance wrap-around care is allowed so both Breakfast Club and AJS Extra (after school provision) will be available.

We are constantly thinking of new complications and trying to find ways to address them. We will be regularly reviewing the systems and making sure they work as efficiently as possible. We will all need to be flexible and keep communicating with each other to make sure this works. There will be further communication at the end of August.

There are several weeks until we start the new academic year and if anything changes we will, of course, contact you. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your patience and support in these difficult times. Enjoy your summer break and we look forward very much to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully,

*Ian Rix*

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**Headteacher**