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12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful welcoming back all the children this week after such a long time away and they have been just a joy to have. The school feels full and alive again and the children look amazing in their full school uniform. The buzz, happiness and excitement from staff and children has been incredible this week and I have been quite emotional with the children's upbeat behaviour and their positivity.

The drop off and pick-up times seem to be running smoothly again and I would like to say a big thank you for helping us to make this work so well. Please remember to keep your 2m distance or wear a face covering if it gets busy at drop off times. I have attached the school start and finish times again as we seem to be getting the same children arriving late for school at the front office.


### MARCH 2021- START AND FINISH TIMES

Year Group	New Start Time	New Finish Time
R	8.30	2.40
1	8.40	2.45
2	8.45	2.50
3	8.50	2.55
4	8.40	3.00
5	8.45	3.05
6	8.50	3.10

Enter via the main gate on the Northam Street entrance!

Enter via the carpark entrance on Fyning Street and through the hall.

Please ensure that you **drop off and collect at the correct times** to help with social distancing.



School for every child is mandatory again and you are at risk of a fine from Portsmouth City Council if you do not send your child into school. However, attendance for the whole school has been 98% this week, which is fantastic. Let us see if we can keep this going this term 😊

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School dinners are back to the spring term menu and details can be found on Facebook and the Arundel Court website [www.arundelcourt.com](http://www.arundelcourt.com) PE days can also be found on here too.

### Lateral Flow Testing testing for parents and family bubbles

As you may be aware Lateral Flow testing has been extended to the households of school age children. The DfE guidance is [here](#).

In Portsmouth, free LFD home tests can currently be collected (in packs of seven test kits) between 1.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. from Eldon Car Park, Southsea, PO1 2DJ and between 1.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Unit 9, North Harbour Road, Cosham, PO6 3TL, with two packs being given out per person. Both sites are giving out tests for collection and use at home seven days' per week. Our understanding is that no ID is required, and there is no need to book an appointment.

Brief information has also been published on a new "testing" page on the [Portsmouth City Council website](#), if you wish to know about how to access tests. I will keep you posted if I get more information.

Have a lovely weekend and please keep safe

Yours Sincerely,

Karen Stocks

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