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Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all of the Year 6's back to school and see how well they have settled and thrived in their new year group. As you know this is an incredibly important year for all of the children not only academically, but also personally and we know they are going to approach everything with great maturity.

As we have now settled back into the new academic year and seen the safe and mature approach the children have had, we have taken the decision to adapt the Year 6 start and end times of the school day. We feel this slight change in timings is of paramount importance to ensure our children can access a morning Reading or Maths Booster session. This will support the children's 'catch-up' and recovery of any lost learning over the period of lockdown. As Year 6 use a completely separate entrance/exit to the rest of school this is a safe and practical option. All changes have been made in line with our school risk assessment ensuring that all children and Parents/Carers continue to be safe whilst on school grounds: our priority is, and continues to be, the safety and wellbeing of our community.

New Year 6 start times, which will begin on **Monday 12th October**, are as follows: **Start: 8:50am** End: 3:20pm

Please continue to ensure your child arrives **promptly** so they can begin their learning at 8:50am. If your Year 6 child has a sibling in school, their younger can sibling can also arrive at this time and staff will know who to expect and be at the doors ready to welcome them in.

We would like to continue to highlight some key points from our guidance:

- Do not send your child into school if they display COVID symptoms, please contact school to inform us the reasons of your child's absence.
- Social distancing measures and controls to mitigate risks in school will be in place.
- If you need to speak to staff, please do not turn up at school in person. Please contact us on 01977 703270 or email <u>admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk</u> and we will get back to you as soon as possible if it is an emergency, and within 24 hours for all other queries.

Further information regarding the End of Key Stage Two Statutory Assessments (SATs) will be provided in due course.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely Mr J. Parkinson

Mr James Parkinson Headteacher

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