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Dear Parent/Carer

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Re: Start times as normal on Monday**

I have had a few enquiries this morning about whether our children can start school late on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July as a result of staying up late for the England match on Sunday night.

I understand that there are some schools and messages on social media calling for a late start or even a Bank Holiday to be announced.

I am therefore writing to confirm that our school will open at the usual allocated staggered start times. I have taken advice from the MAT and the Trust wide view is that we will be sticking to our normal arrangements. The reasons for this is that within school it is already a logistical challenge to get the children into school and handwashed safely within the restrictions of our Covid Risk Assessment.

In addition, there is no way I would know which children from which bubbles were turning up at which times. Given the huge rise in Covid cases locally, I think it is vital that we continue to keep our bubbles separate and safe. I would hate to have an outbreak of Covid across the school in the last week which would then affect families' holidays and our staff's summer break.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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