



Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents,

**RE: Primary Update 16 April**

I am writing to provide a more detailed update on our plans from Sunday, as we prepare to transition back to in-person learning.

We are pleased to confirm that, from Sunday 19th April, the Primary School will move to full in-person provision. This decision has been carefully considered and is in direct response to the recent parent survey, where over 90% of families indicated a preference for a return to on-site learning. We are grateful for your engagement in this process, which has enabled us to plan with clarity and confidence.

We are in a strong position to offer this model across the whole of the Primary phase. While there will inevitably be some adjustments to our timetable and daily routines, our priority remains unchanged: to deliver a high-quality, broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. All core and foundation subjects will continue to be taught, and pupils will experience a structured, purposeful school day, supported by familiar staff.

From Sunday, we will therefore welcome back all pupils whose families have opted for in-person learning. We are very much looking forward to having the children back in school and re-establishing daily routines, learning habits and the sense of community that comes with being together.

We would like to share that not all teachers are currently in a position to return to school. As a result, we will be moving to a slightly adapted model to support all pupils effectively. Each year group timetable will be shared via the year groups teachers, outlining how the day will be structured. In this model, all core subjects will continue to be taught by class teachers; however, teachers will move between classes to deliver these lessons, similar to a secondary-style approach. This ensures that classes without a returning teacher are not disadvantaged, and that all pupils continue to receive high-quality teaching. We will continue to prioritise consistency and familiarity wherever possible, and any classes directly impacted by these changes will be contacted separately with further information.

For families who have chosen for their child to remain learning online, we want to be clear and transparent about what this will look like. The Ministry of Education guidance outlines that provision should be either in-person or online, rather than a fully dual model running in parallel. As a result, we are not in a position to replicate the full live online timetable that has been in place in recent weeks.

- From Sunday to Wednesday, online learning will be delivered through pre-recorded lessons available on the class pages.
- Thursday will be a live streaming link into school learning.
- This will allow all staff to be fully focused on ensuring a safe, organised and well-prepared return to school for pupils on-site, including finalising procedures, registers and emergency protocols.

Following this, we are working towards a model where pupils learning remotely will be able to access live links for core lessons (Reading, Writing, Maths and Arabic). We will share further details on this shortly so that families have a clear understanding of how this will operate.

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In terms of the school day, a separate letter will be shared by the Principal outlining full operational details. However, to support your planning:

- Gates will open at the normal time at 7:15am
- Registration will take place at 8:00am
- Lessons will begin at 8:15am

End of day timings will be as follows:

- FS1: 12:30pm
- FS2 and Year 1: 1:30pm
- Years 2 to 6: 1:45pm

**In addition, Tuesdays will revert to our usual 12:15pm finish for all pupils.**

These timings reflect both parental feedback from recent weeks and the need to ensure a sustainable and manageable structure for staff. As we continue to adapt our operations, it is important that the school day is organised in a way that supports staff workload, supervision, and the smooth running of transitions across the day. The staggered finish times are therefore designed to help us maintain consistency, ensure pupils are safely dismissed, and allow staff to effectively manage their responsibilities at key points of the day.

We will continue to offer flexibility through sibling care arrangements to support families with collection where needed.

We appreciate that this approach may differ from recent weeks, and we thank you for your understanding as we balance the requirements set by the Ministry with our commitment to providing the best possible provision for all pupils.

Further operational details, including entry and exit arrangements and any phase-specific information, will be shared shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back into school.

Warm regards,

**William Winton**  
Head of Primary