

# Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Further to the latest Government announcement this week, I wish to clarify the positions on PPA arrangements, and staggered start/finish time.

The DfE has stated:

## *Measures for arriving at, and leaving the setting*

*Consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave.*

*Staggered start and finish times should not reduce the amount of overall teaching time. A staggered start may include:*

- *condensing or staggering free periods or break time but retaining the same amount of teaching time*
- *keeping the length of the day the same but starting and finishing later to avoid busy periods*

*You should consider how to communicate any changes to parents. Remind them about the process that has been agreed for drop off and collection, including not to:*

- *gather at the gates*
- *come onto the site without an appointment*

**School will continue with the current drop off and pick up times to reduce any opportunity of gathering at the gates. Please can I ask that you adhere to the times. Masks will still be required when on school grounds and when dropping off/picking up your child/children.**

## **How to group pupils**

Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group.

Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and to keep that number as small as possible.

**School's bubble arrangements will not change.**

## **PPA arrangements**

From week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June, school will not be closed on a Friday afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your support. These arrangements helped keep children and staff safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Shepherd

