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24 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Minor adjustments to school start times**

As you are aware, we have been operating a staggered start to the school day as part of our Covid-19 safety measures. These are under constant review and from next **Monday 30 November 2020**, we have made some minor adjustments to these to ensure that year 8 students in particular get some additional curriculum time. These changes will remain in place until the end of term, when we will review them again. We will inform students but please double check that your child is aware of the changes and arrives to school on time.

| School day times – effective from Monday 30 November 2020 |                              |                        |                   |                   |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year  | Lesson start time            | Finish time (Mon-Thur) | Finish time (Fri) | Gate              |
| 7   | 8.30am – arrive by<br>8.20am | 1.40pm                 | 1.10pm            | Car park          |
| 8   | 8.40am - arrive by<br>8.30am | 1.30pm                 | 1.00pm            | Devereux          |
| 9   | 8.50am – arrive by<br>8.40am | 1.40pm                 | 1.10pm            | Devereux          |
| 10  | 8.50am – arrive by<br>8.40am | 1.30pm                 | 1.20pm            | Car park          |
| 11  | 8.40am – arrive by<br>8.30am | 2.20pm                 | 1.30pm            | Car park          |
| 12/13   | First lesson on timetable    | After last lesson      | After last lesson | Attendance office |

**Welcome to our new caterers – The Pantry**

I am delighted to announce that we have a new catering firm – The Pantry – providing food for students and staff. We are really excited to have new partners working with us to ensure that our children get the best deal possible and can enjoy a range of tasty and healthy food while they are at school. I have attached a leaflet with some more information about what they are offering. You can also find out more on our [website](#).

**Representing the school in the local community**

The overwhelming majority of St John Bosco College students are a credit to the school and make fantastic ambassadors for the school when they are on their way home in the afternoons. Sadly, a handful of students are letting everyone else down by engaging in thoughtless, noisy behaviour on their journeys and I have received complaints from local residents about this. Please can you ensure that your child is clear about the expectations that we have around behaviour on the way to and





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from school. In summary, these are:

- Travel directly home after school, do not play or gather in groups (respect the 'rule of six') in or around residential blocks or houses – even in designated play areas.
- Respect residents and other pedestrians by walking quietly, keeping to the pavements and behaving sensibly at all times.
- Respect drivers and other passengers on public transport by sitting quietly and safely on buses.
- Do not walk down Octavia Street or Stanmer Street to access Battersea Park Road.

### **E-Scooters**

I am concerned that a small number of older students have recently been seen riding e-scooters on the roads and pavements locally, creating a danger both to themselves and to other road users. Please can I remind parents that riding an e-scooter, unless it is a rental machine and part of the government's trial on the use of these machines, is illegal. You can find further guidance on this at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>. Please do not allow your child to ride one of these to and from school or in the local area. Police have advised us that they have powers to confiscate these if children are seen using them. They are not allowed in school and will be confiscated by staff if students bring them in.

### **Covid-19 safety**

Finally, a reminder about Covid-19 safety. All students, unless they have a medical exemption confirmed in writing by you, are required to bring a face covering to school to use while they are indoors in communal areas such as corridors. Please ensure that your child has a face covering with them each morning when they arrive to school and a suitable bag to put it in when they are not using it.

### **Advent**

As we approach the holy season of Advent which begins on Sunday 29 November 2020, we will continue to pray for our whole school community as we prepare for Christmas. Sadly, several staff and students have suffered bereavements this term and I would like to invite you to keep them in your prayers at this time.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully.

Mr P Dunne  
Headteacher

