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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey on school start times. This survey was carried out as the school board had a health and safety concern with the increased number of pupils being dropped off and left unsupervised very early before 9am. We wanted to explore whether this may be due to parent work schedules or transportation logistics. We are grateful for your feedback and we have given due consideration to all your replies.

At the Board of Management meeting last night, the Board have decided to ratify this new earlier start time from Monday 29th August 2022. While we appreciate this change will inevitably cause inconvenience for some members of our school community, the decision has been made in the interest of safety and based on your feedback. The majority were in favour of changing the school start time to 9am.

From Monday 29th August school will start at 9am for all pupils and finish at 2.40pm. For the infant classes school will finish at 1.40pm. Children will be supervised every morning from 8.45am and for 15 minutes after school. Children who are on school grounds before and after these times will not be supervised. Please note that the Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before this time.

During Covid the staggered drop off and collection times were a mitigation measure permitted by the Department of Education and while it was helpful to some degree, unfortunately it is not something the DES will allow schools to continue with.

Best regards,

MICHAEL FEENEY
Principal