KING'S PARK PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

(EDUCATION AUTHORITY – SOUTHERN REGION)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find attached a revised school timetable.

These times will take effect from Monday 28 September and will run to the half term break on 23 October and revised by the Board of Governors at their October meeting.

Parents and carers should be aware that these times follow the Department of Education Guidance in terms of the need for schools to manage class 'bubbles' and staggered arrival and departure times of their pupils, and also the regulations on teachers conditions of service.

It is important for everyone to know that currently your child's teacher is with their class from 8.45am until home time every day with only a 30 minute lunch break. This is necessary again to maintain the class 'bubble' which will be important if and when we have a positive Covid-19 case in the class. In that event it is our understanding all children and adults within the 'bubble' will be off school for 14 days.

To emphasise our 'bubbles' are each made up of <u>one class of pupils and adults</u> and to facilitate this teachers have agreed to forego their break time (15 minutes) and their lunch time break has been reduced to 30 minutes rather than as formally 40 minutes.

Again the Governors will keep these arrangements under review over the coming weeks and they thank you for your continued support at these extra ordinary times.

Finally, can I again ask all of our parents and carers who drive their child/children to school to consider parking a little further away from the school and walking the last part of the journey. Also, we now open the Lurgan Park gate each morning and afternoon to help with access to our grounds.

Your sincerely

T Shields

Secretary to the Board of Governors/Principal