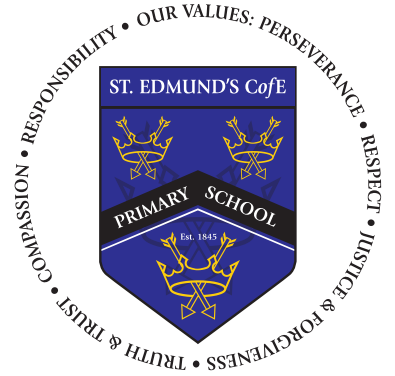


03rd July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Like many of you, we know there will be lots of excitement as England take on Mexico in the next round of the World Cup. With kick-off at **1:00am**, we appreciate that some children (and adults!) may be hoping to stay up and watch the match.

Having listened to requests from families, we have decided to offer some flexibility for the following morning.

Our registers will remain open until **11:00am**. This means that families can choose for their child to:

- Arrive at the normal school start time of **8:45am**, or
- Arrive later, at any time up until **11:00am**.

Any child arriving **after 11:00am** will, as usual, be recorded as an **unauthorised late arrival**. Whilst we understand this is a special occasion, we also believe that attending school is important.

Moments like these help us promote part of our **hidden curriculum**—developing resilience, perseverance and positive routines, even after a late night.

To celebrate the occasion, **if England win**, all children who arrive at school **for the normal start time** will be invited to watch the full match on catch-up together at **9:00am**. We hope this provides a little incentive for children to come into school at the usual time, while still enjoying what will hopefully be a memorable England victory! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿🏆

We hope this approach strikes a sensible balance between celebrating a national sporting occasion and maintaining the importance of attendance and learning.

Come on, England! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿⚽🇬🇧

Kind regards,

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