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## Press Release

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed watching England's victory last night. We are all now very excited for Sunday, which will be a historic moment whatever the result. Thanks to Arjun for the suggestion - tomorrow children may wear England tops, football kits (no studs) and/or something red or white in celebration. They do not need to wear school uniform unless they would like to.

On Monday we will be running an optional staggered start. The register will be taken at 10.30am and so children won't be marked as late as long as they are in school by 10.30am.

This gives you the option to stay up late and watch the match, or watch it in the morning before coming to school if you would like to. Staff will be in as normal so Early Birds and Walking Bus will still run for those who want to use it.

Come on England!

Best wishes

**Gemma Donnelly**

**Head Teacher**

Above is the communication which was sent out to parents yesterday (08.07.2021). We know many families are going to want to involve their whole family in a sporting event for England that hasn't happened in our life time and is a great way to celebrate British Values. Bellevue Place Education Trust (BPET) encourage us to deliver learning which goes well beyond the National Curriculum and this is an excellent example of how we do that.

The late start is optional and school will be open as normal for those who wish to attend, but allows some leniency for people to make a decision which is right for their family. Our families always appreciate some flexibility and this leads to greater buy in from them and improved attendance and punctuality over time.

The children have all come into school in their football kits today and it's fantastic to see them so excited and proud of the England team. We have some great assemblies planned around sportsmanship and mutual respect and the fantastic leadership demonstrated by Gareth Southgate. This will remain in place whatever the result on Sunday night.

Yours sincerely

*Gemma Donnelly*

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