



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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RE: Changes to staggered start and end times

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year. I hope that you had a great summer break, with lots of opportunities to spend time with family and friends. Everyone at Goldenhill hopes for a more consistent and steady year and that your children's education is not disrupted.

The children have been amazing on their return to school with positive attitudes and lots of enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Due to the changes in COVID restrictions, many aspects of academy life have returned to 'normal'. However, knowing that COVID has not disappeared, and in line with government guidance, schools are still required to ensure the following measures take place to ensure that everyone is kept safe:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

In addition, schools are required to have an outbreak management plan in place outlining what we would do if an increasing number of children or staff test positive for COVID-19, or how we would operate if we were advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmission. In the case of Goldenhill, this may mean that we would need to reintroduce measures similar to those we had in place last academic year.

In regards to the start and end of the school day, the use of a 'wider' staggered start time during the increased restrictions last academic year and the more streamlined one this week to support children back to school have been very successful. In light of this and in the hope to support parents, from next week (week beginning 13th September), we are changing our staggered start and our finish times to those similar to 'pre-COVID' restrictions.

The staggered entry time was very popular and successful in the past, allowing children to be dropped off between a 10-minute window, with school starting at 9am (anyone arriving after this time will be classed as late), it reduced congestion on the playground and around school and reduced the waiting time for parents with children in different classes.



This means, as from Monday 13th September, you can drop your child off at any time between 8:50-9:00am. **Please note this only applies for Year 1-6. There is no staggered start time for children in nursery and reception, their start time is 8:45am and their finish time is 3:00pm.**

Please see below the new times for school drop off and collections and entrances from Monday 13th September.

Class	Staggered entry time	Start time	Finish time	Drop off/collection point
Nursery		8:45am	3:00pm	FS1 entrance
Reception		8:45am	3:00pm	Year 2 entrance
Year 1	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 1 entrance (A) (back of the school)
Year 2	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 2 entrance
Year 3	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 3/ 4 entrance (B) (back of school)
Year 4	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 5 /6 entrance (C)
Year 5	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 3/ 4 entrance
Year 6	8:50-9:00am	9:00am	3:15pm	Year 5 /6 entrance

Kind regards

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