



The William Henry Smith School

28th May 2021

Dear Families,

The May half-term break will soon be upon us, and whether we are dreaming of relaxing in the sun, or packing the car for a staycation, it makes the ideal time to get away with our families or maybe just relax and unwind after a busy ½ term.

There has been a significant amount of outdoor activity this half-term, especially Quality of Life sessions, and the community have responded with great enthusiasm to the Active April/Motivational May challenge! I am extremely impressed with the effort everyone is putting into these initiatives and have thoroughly enjoyed all the photographs capturing this. It is important that we keep this up and as we know those small changes and adjustments to our daily routines will pay off in the summer and longer term. I hope families have also had chance to read our new Quality of Life newsletter earlier this week which will now feature alternate half terms to our whole school newsletter. The school has secured the expertise of a Personal Trainer and Lifestyle Coach and it would be great to see even more families taking part in our next offer of a 4-week coached physical and mental health and wellbeing course. A similar offer will be available to our staff and boys.

In my recent letter to families, I set out our intention to move forward with some changes following consultation and the review of positive Pandemic practice. We are now ready to take this to the next stage of implementation and share some key information with families.

From the Autumn term, I can confirm that the timings of the school day will be as follows for all students:

Day	Arrive at School	Collect from school
Monday	11:00 am	3:30pm
Tuesday	8:45 am	3:30pm
Wednesday	8:45 am	3:30pm
Thursday	8:45 am	3:30pm
Friday	8:45 am	1:30pm

Families will notice that these times have increased from the arrangements necessary during Covid and will no longer be staggered. The new school day will allow us to implement the positive practice gained from observation and feedback, and enable a more focussed and productive teaching day which will start with a Quality of Life (QoL) session. In these, students will be encouraged to develop interests and skills (individually/in small groups or teams) with a focus on happiness and a positive mind-set, improving mental and physical wellbeing, and being prepared for the challenge of the learning day ahead.

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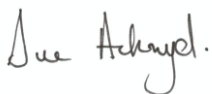


We have taken several steps in preparation for these changes and have been working towards them within the bubbles, and alongside a small number of introduction/transition days we are planning, we anticipate a smooth transition to new groups and timings for our students. We will now begin liaising with transport departments and taxi companies.

Families will receive a phone call mid-term after the spring bank holidays, so we can share information on areas such learning groups from September, lunch time arrangements, and the staff team around your child and family. We have considered individual needs and group dynamics in trying to secure the best for your child and look forward to working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our community.

I know families will understand the significant planning and preparation that has, and continues to go on behind the scenes. Once again, I thank you for all your responses in respect of the review which have helped further shape our plans, and for your continued support.

Best wishes,



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