



Diocese of St. Albans



5 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Changes to the start of the school day from Monday 11th July 2022

We are writing to inform you of some changes that will be taking place from next week to further ensure students arrive on our school site ready to start the day. This change will ensure students are well supervised before school and give them opportunities to socialise with their year group in an appropriate space whilst having breakfast.

From next week, the changes to the start of the school day are as follows:

- The school doors will be opened to students from 7:45am. Students who arrive before 7:45am will be able to wait outside the student entrance canopy which is well sheltered from poor weather.
- From 7:45am students will be able to enter school and it is expected that they go straight to the Dining Room, where they can socialise and purchase any breakfast food they want. Some students currently use the Student Centre, and this will continue to be open to them.
- The nearest toilets to the dining hall are the lower maths corridors which are the only ones they can use until 8:15am. Students know where these toilets are, but they will be reminded of this.
- Student behaviour is generally excellent, and we know that they will co-operate with this and enjoy the social time before school in the Dining Room. We currently have 'red zones' at break and lunchtimes, which prevent students who are on break disturbing lessons of those who are not - students are well used to these routines and use them well. The same system will operate before school and students will be sanctioned in the same way (a 30 minute same day detention) if they are using a 'red zone'.

Social time is vital to young people. These changes will ensure that they can have this time, with appropriate supervision to support them if they need it. Members of staff will continue to be on the gate at the start of the day to ensure the smooth running of the new arrival arrangements.

We ask that you make sure your child understands these changes and the reasons for them, and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

If you wish to discuss please do not hesitate contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Cedric Lakole
Deputy Headteacher

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