

Lambley Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know, the school has worked hard over the last year to try and improve parking around school and make your approach to school safer. We have listened to your feedback and made positive changes. We have managed to get the use of The Lambley Kitchen car park back, we have supervised the car park, we have closed the drive at key times to most cars and traffic and have extended our after-school clubs which not only provide incredible extra-curricular opportunities for the children but also helps the flow of traffic as the children are collected later. Your feedback indicates that these positive steps have had impact, but we also know from your feedback that there is more you would like us to do for the children who are at Lambley now and those who are to join our school community in the future.

As I explained previously, we received a lot of positivity about the potential staggered start and finish proposal. A lot of you commented on how this would definitely help with the parking and traffic issues. As such, the governors and school team have looked closely at this idea and have decided that from September the school day will have staggered start and end times. Please read the information below.

Staggered Start and End times from September 2020

Children in Reception & Key Stage 1 – Start and End Time Timetable

Children in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start school at 9.10am (with the gate opening for them at 9am). This ten-minute window between 9am and 9.10am will ensure that you still have ample time to speak to your child's teacher before the school day if you so wish. There will be no change to the length of their breaktimes or lunch and they will finish school at 3:30pm as usual.

Children in Key Stage 2 –Start and End Time Timetable

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) will start school just 10 minutes earlier than they do now at 8:50am (with the gate opening for them at 8:40am). The school gate currently opens at 8:50am and so most children are already accustomed to coming to school for this time. Arriving at school just 10 minutes earlier, will reduce the traffic outside school and make parking for yourselves easier. It will also make walking up to school safer due to the reduced number of cars. As Key Stage 2 start their school day earlier, they will also finish earlier, with all Key Stage 2 children finishing school at 3:15pm. There will be no change to the length of their breaktimes or lunch.

The subtle changes outlined above would have no negative impact on the children's learning or the educational opportunities provided. They would just simply ease congestion around school and make parking easier and safer for all.

What if I have children in both Key Stages?

For those of you with children in both Key Stages, the following applies:

Start of school day: Bring all your children to school by 8:50am (gate opens at 8:40am) and take them to their classroom. Your KS2 child will be registered and start their first lesson. Your KS1/Reception child will be supervised by their class teacher in their own classroom until their classmates begin to arrive just 10 minutes later. During this time, the teachers will ensure they have a fun activity to complete.

End of school day: All Key Stage 2 children are to be collected at 3:15pm. If you have a child to collect in Key stage 1/Reception, we ask that you collect your KS2 child from their class and make your way round to your other child's classroom (via the gate by Willow classroom), wait outside and collect them at 3:30pm. By the time you have collected your KS2 child, spoken to their class teacher if necessary and walked round to the other class there will only be a few minutes until their home time.

What will happen on the exceptional occasions when I cannot get to school for 3:15pm (KS2) or 3:30pm (Reception/KS1) to collect my child?

In this instance, the school will continue to use the system currently in place.

We ask that you call school to make us aware that you are running late. This way we can tell your child and reassure them that you are on the way. Whilst waiting for you, your child will stay with their class teacher (in their classroom). If your child's teacher has a meeting or cannot be in their classroom, your child will wait at the office with another member of staff (usually Mrs. Newton).

This subtle change to the school day has been made to ensure the well-being and safety of all the children at Lambley. It eases the current traffic issues and supports our school community as we continue to grow. We thank you for all the feedback you provided earlier in the year and thank you again for your continued support. Together we can ensure that all children arriving at school and leaving school are safe.

Kind regards

The Governors of Lambley Primary School, Mr. Christopher and the school team.