

30 November 2020

Dear Year 8 Parent,

Late start to the school day for Year 8 students – Tuesday 1 December 2020

As you are aware, schools locally and across the country are having to manage the impact of COVID-19 with regards to staff availability and being able to provide full time educational provision for all students in all year groups. Regrettably, like so many other schools, due to staff absence, tomorrow morning we need to ask Year 8 to come in only for Sessions 2 and 3. This means that Year 8 are to line up as usual – that is, how they do so first thing in the morning – at 11:15 am in order to be admitted into school at 11:20 am for the start of the day. Having a slightly shortened day tomorrow avoids students missing a whole day of their education but ensures that all elements of our duty of care to students and our focus on their learning can be fulfilled.

I thank you for your understanding. The short notice is sadly unavoidable in light of the dynamic and difficult context we are all in. Hopefully there will be no further interruptions prior to the end of this term but we will keep you informed at the earliest possible opportunity.

It is important that students remain at home until it is time to leave for school in order to arrive at 11:15 am. We are still in lockdown and thereafter Slough is in Tier 3 so students should not be hanging out in the parks, local shops or visiting one another's homes. Thank you also for reinforcing this message with your child.

Yours sincerely



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